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JENNIE BAXTER: JOURNALIST

BY ROBERT BARR.

III.—The Duchess of Chiselhurst's Ball.

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The room which had been allotted to Jennie Baxter in the Schloss Steinheimer enjoyed a most extended outlook. A glass window gave access to a stone balcony, which hung against the castle wall like a swallow's nest at the eaves of a house. This balcony was just wide enough to give ample space for one of the easy rocking chairs which the princess had imported from America and which Jennie thought were the only really comfortable pieces of furniture the old stronghold possessed, much as she admired the artistic excellence of the mediaeval chairs, tables and cabinets which for centuries had served the needs of the ancient line that had lived in the schloss. The chair was as modern as this morning's daily paper, its woodwork painted a bright scarlet, its arms like broad shelves, its rockers as sensitively balanced as a marine compass; in fact, just such a chair as one would find dotted round the vast veranda of an American summer hotel. In this chair sat Miss Jennie, two open letters on her lap and perplexity in the dainty little frown that faintly ruffled the smoothness of her fair brow. The scene from the high balcony was one to be remembered; but, although this was her last day at the castle, the girl saw nothing of the pretty town of Meran so far below, the distant chalk line down the slope beyond which marked the turbulent course of the foaming Adige, the lofty mountains all around or the farther snow peaks, dazzlingly white against the deep blue of the sky.

One of the epistles which lay on her lap was the letter she had received from the editor recounting the difficulties he had met with while endeavoring to make arrangements for reporting adequately the Duchess of Chiselhurst's ball; the other was the still unanswered invitation from the duchess to the princess. Jennie was flattered to know that already the editor, who had engaged her with unconcealed reluctance, now expected her to accomplish what the entire staff was powerless to effect. She knew that, had she but the courage, it was only necessary to accept the invitation in the name of her present hostess and attend the great society function as Princess von Steinheimer. Yet she hesitated, not so much on account of the manifest danger of discovery, but because she had grown to like the princess, and this impersonation, if it came to the knowledge of the one most intimately concerned, as it was almost sure to do, would doubtless be regarded as an unpardonable liberty. As she swayed gently back and forth in the gaudy rocking chair she thought of confessing everything to the princess and asking her assistance; but, pondering on this, she saw that it was staking everything on one throw of the dice. If the princess refused, then the scheme became impossible, as that lady herself would answer the letter and decline the invitation. Jennie soothed her accusing conscience by telling herself that this impersonation would do no harm to Princess von Steinheimer or to any one else, for that matter, while it would be of inestimable assistance to her own journalistic career. From that she drifted to meditation on the inequalities of this life, the superabundance which some possess, while others, no less deserving, have difficulty in obtaining the scant necessities. And, this consoling train of thought having fixed her resolve to take the goods the gods scattered at her feet, or rather threw into her lap, she drew a long sigh of determination as there came a gentle tap at the door of her room and the voice of the princess herself said, "May I come in?"

Jennie, a rapid blush flaming her cheeks, sprang to her feet, flung the letters on a table and opened the door.

The visitor entered, looking charming enough to be a princess of fairyland, and greeted Miss Baxter most cordially.

"I am so sorry you are leaving," she said. "Cannot you be persuaded to change your mind and stay with me? Where could you find a more lovely view than that from your balcony here?"

"Or a more lovely hostess?" said the girl, looking at her visitor with undisguised admiration and quite ignoring the view.

The princess laughed, and as they now stood together on the balcony she put out her hands, pushed Jennie gently into the rocking chair again, seating herself jauntily on its broad arm, and thus the two looked like a pair of mischievous schoolgirls, home at vacation, thoroughly enjoying their liberty.

"There! Now you are my prisoner, about to be punished for flattery," cried the princess. "I saw by the motion of the chair that you had just jumped up from it when I disturbed you, so there you are back in it again. What were you thinking about? A rocking chair lends itself deliciously to meditation, and we always think of some one very particular as we rock."

"I am no exception to the rule," sighed Jennie. "I was thinking of you, princess."

"How nice of you to say that, and, as one good turn deserves another, here is proof that a certain young lady has been in my thoughts."

As she spoke the princess took from her pocket an embossed case of Russia leather, opened it and displayed a string of diamonds lustrous as drops of liquid light.

"I want you to wear these stones in remembrance of our diamond mystery; also I confess that I want you to think of me every time you put them on. See how conceited I am! One does not like to be forgotten; that is why I chose diamonds."

Jennie took the string, her own eyes for a moment rivaling in brilliancy the sparkle of the gems; then the moisture obscured her vision, and she automatically poured the stones from one hand to the other, as if their scintillating glitter hypnotized her. She tried once or twice to speak, but could not be sure of her voice, so remained silent. The princess, noticing her agitation, gently lifted the necklace and clasped it round the girl's white throat, chattering all the while with nervous haste.

"There! You can wear diamonds, and there are so many to whom they are unbecoming. I also look well in diamonds; at least so I've been told over and over again, and I've come to believe it at last. I suppose the young men have not concealed from you the fact that you are a strikingly good looking girl, Jennie. Indeed, and this is a trait, if you like, we two resemble one another enough to be sisters, nearly the same height, the same color of eyes and hair. Come to the mirror, Miss Handsomeness, and admire yourself."

She dragged Jennie to her feet and drew her into the room, placing her triumphantly before the great looking glass that reflected back a full length portrait.

"Now confess that you never saw a prettier girl," cried the princess gleefully.

"I don't think I ever did," admitted Jennie, but she was looking at the image of the princess and not at her own. The princess laughed, but Miss Baxter seemed too much affected by the unexpected present to join in the merriment. She regarded herself solemnly in the glass for a few moments, then slowly undid the clasp and, slipping the string of diamonds from her neck, handed them back to the princess.

"You are very, very kind, but I cannot accept so costly a present."

"Cannot? Why? Have I offended you by anything I have said since you came?"

"Oh, no, no. It isn't that."

"What then? Don't you like me after all?"

"Like you! I love you, princess!" cried the girl impulsively, throwing her arms round the other's neck.

The princess tried to laugh as she pressed Jennie to her, but there was a tremor of tears in her laughter.

"You must take this little gift as a souvenir of your visit with me. I was really very lonely when you came, and now [illegible] I am very grateful. And it is [illegible] for a woman to refuse diamonds."

"I'll keep what [illegible] and I won't quite refuse them. I'll postpone. It is possible that something I shall do [illegible] may seriously offend you. If it does, then [illegible] the necklace. If it doesn't, when I have told you all about my [illegible] you will give me the diamonds."

"Dear me, Jennie, what terrible crime are you about to commit? Why not tell me now? You have no idea how you have aroused my curiosity."

"I dare not tell you, princess, not until my project proves a success or a failure. We women [illegible] have our way [illegible] others have our own way [illegible] I am among the others, and [illegible] remember that, if you [illegible]"

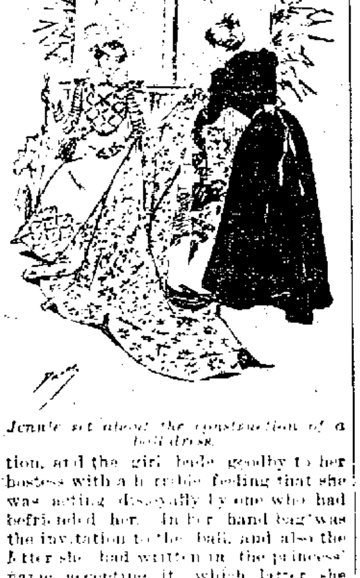
"Is it [illegible] speculation, a fortune [illegible]?"

"Something [illegible] I am going to stake [illegible] on the turn [illegible]"

"If playing will make you win, I am sure that you will carry it through, but, if at first you don't succeed, try, try again, and if you haven't the money I'll supply the capital. I know I shouldn't like to [illegible]. And so [illegible] have my best wishes for your success."

"Thank you, princess. I can hardly fail after that."

The time had come when the two friends must part. The carriage was waiting to take Miss Baxter to the station, and the girl bade goodby to her hostess with a horrible feeling that she was acting disloyally by one who had befriended her. In her hand bag was the invitation to the ball, and also the letter she had written in the princess' name, accepting it, which latter she posted in Meran. In due course she reached London and presented herself to the editor of The Daily Bugle.



Jennie set about the construction of a ball dress.

"Well, Miss Baxter," he said, "you have been extraordinarily successful in solving the diamond mystery, and I congratulate you. My letter reached you, I suppose. Have you given any thought to the problem that now confronts us? Can you get us a full report of the Duchess of Chiselhurst's ball, written so convincingly that all the guests who read it will know that the writer was present?"

"It is all a question of money, Mr. Hardwick."

"Most things are. Well, we are prepared to spend money to get just what we want."

"How much?"

"Whatever is necessary."

"That's vague. Put it into figures."

"Five hundred pounds, £750, £1,000 if need be."

"It will not cost you £1,000, and it may come to [illegible]. Place £1,000 to my credit, and I shall return what is left. I must go at once to Paris and carry out my plans from that city."

"Then you have thought out a scheme. What is it?"

"I have not only thought it out, but most of the arrangements are already made. I cannot say more about it. You will have to trust entirely to me."

"There is a good deal of money at stake, Miss Baxter, and our reputation as a newspaper as well. I think I should know what you propose to do."

"Certainly. I propose to obtain for you an accurate description of the ball written by one who was present."

The editor gave utterance to a sort of [illegible] that always served him in place of a laugh.

"In other words [illegible] want [illegible] interference [illegible]"

"Exactly, Mr. Hardwick. You know from experience that little good comes of talking [illegible] a secret project not yet completed."

The editor drummed with his fingers on the table for a few moments, then [illegible] fully.

"Very well, then, [illegible] so. [illegible] I have been very [illegible] to share the [illegible] with you, but [illegible] risk yourself [illegible] be said. The [illegible] shall be placed to your credit at once. What next?"

"On the [illegible] of the ball I should like you to [illegible] reporters [illegible] shorthand writers [illegible] necessary. You understand more about that than I do. But [illegible] report [illegible] right along [illegible] until it is finished [illegible] I want [illegible] the best [illegible] They are [illegible] they were taking down [illegible] speech. The men had better be in readiness at midnight. I shall be here [illegible] with a [illegible] manuscript [illegible] possible. I will glance at the proofs when I have finished dictating."

"Then you hope to attend [illegible] yourself?"

"Perhaps."

"You have just returned from the Tyrol and [illegible] present [illegible] way. This is no ordinary society function, and if you think even a [illegible] will gain admittance to an uninvited guest you will find yourself mistaken."

"So I understood from your letter."

Again the editorial interjection did duty for a laugh.

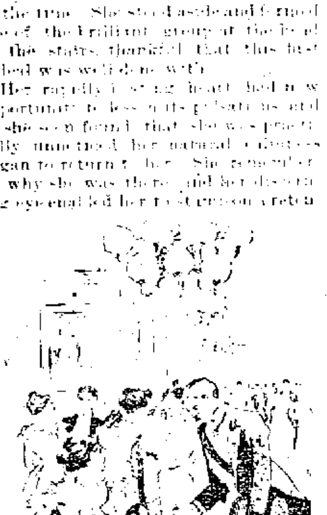
"You are very sanguine, Miss Baxter. I wish I felt as confident. However, we will hope for the best, and if we cannot command success we will at least endeavor to deserve it."

Jennie, with the £1,000 at her disposal, went to Paris, took rooms at the most aristocratic hotel, engaged a maid and set about the construction of a ball dress that would be a dream of beauty. Luckily, she knew exactly the gown making resources of Paris, and the craftsmen to whom she gave her orders were not the less anxious to please her when they knew that the question of cost was not to be considered. From Paris she telegraphed in the name of the Princess von Steinheimer to Claridge's hotel for an apartment on the night of the ball and asked that a suitable equipage be provided to convey her to and from that festival.

Arriving at Claridge's, she was aware that her first danger was that some one who knew the Princess von Steinheimer would call upon her, but on the valid plea of fatigue from her journey she proclaimed that under no circumstances could she see any visitor, and thus shipwreck was avoided at the outset. It was unlikely that the Princess von Steinheimer was personally known to many who would attend the ball; in fact, the princess had given to Jennie as her main reason for refusing the invitation the excuse that she knew no one in London. She had been invited merely because of the social position of the prince in Vienna and was unknown by sight even to her hostess, the Duchess of Chiselhurst.

It is said that a woman [illegible] along the strip of carpet which lay across the pavement [illegible] the great [illegible] huge palace [illegible] western London. [illegible] which met her eye when she found herself about to ascend the broad stairway at the top of which the hostess stood to receive her distinguished guests. Each [illegible] as she was the stairway and the rooms beyond seemed closely thronged; splendid menials in gorgeous livery, crimson the predominant color, stood on each step at either side of the stair. Uniforms of every pattern, from the gorgeous [illegible] of Indian princes and eastern potentates to the more sober but scarcely less rich apparel of the diplomatic corps, ministers of the empire and officers naval and military, gave the final note of magnificent and picturesque decoration. Like tropical flowers in this garden of color were the ladies, who with easy grace moved to and fro, [illegible] a [illegible] glance around [illegible] the conviction that she was perhaps the best gowned woman among that assemblage of well dressed people [illegible] her palpitating heart. The whole environment seemed unreal to her, and she walked forward as if in a dream. She heard some one cry, "The Princess von Steinheimer!" and at first had difficulty in realizing that the title, for the moment, pertained to herself. The next instant her hand was in that of the Duchess of Chiselhurst, and Jennie heard the lady murmur that it was good of her to come so far to grace the occasion. The girl made some sort of reply which she found herself unable afterward to recall, but the rapid oncoming of other guests led her to hope that if she had used any unsuitable phrase it was [illegible] unheeded in the tension of the time. She stood aside and formed one of the brilliant group at the head of the stairs, thankful that this first ordeal was well done with.

Her rapidly beating heart had now opportunity to lessen its pulsations, and as she soon found that she was practically unnoticed her natural calmness began to return to her. She remembered why she was there, and her discerning eye enabled her to store in a retentive memory the various points [illegible]



There [illegible]

[illegible] automatically [illegible] the girl [illegible] away from the [illegible] through the [illegible] the whole open for the occasion [illegible] as it were [illegible] her bearings. [illegible] time all fear [illegible] she began to feel very much at home in the lofty, crowded salons, [illegible] to enjoy a selection which a military band, partly concealed in the foliage, was rendering in a masterly manner, led by the most famous bandmaster of the day. The remote probability of meeting any one here who knew the princess assured her, and [illegible] speedily [illegible] her keen sense of delight in all the kaleidoscopic dazzle of this great entertainment. She saw that [illegible] there [illegible] interest [illegible] and [illegible] found herself entirely alone, with [illegible] that this [illegible] would [illegible] before her until the final [illegible] leave-taking [illegible] still to be encountered [illegible] which [illegible] trusting to the luck that had hitherto not deserted her.

Jennie was in this complacent frame [illegible]

[illegible] everywhere [illegible] May I [illegible] with the [illegible] that you [illegible]

There was [illegible] in the large [illegible] that were turned up to him. They saw a young man towering [illegible] over the [illegible] band he had [illegible]. His face was clear cut and [illegible] mustache [illegible] Jennie saw his [illegible] as it [illegible] met her own, the girl, terrified as she was, could not but admire the sweeping [illegible] a smile, half wistful, half humorous, that [illegible] his handsome face. The ribbon of some order was worn athwart his breast; otherwise he wore court dress, which well became his stalwart frame.

"I am disconsolate to see that I am indeed forgotten, princess, and so another cherished delusion fades away from me."

Her fan concealed the lower part of the girl's face [illegible] over its fleecy [illegible]

"Put not your trust in princesses," she murmured, a sparkle of latent mischief lighting up her eyes.

The young man laughed. "Indeed," he said, [illegible] faithfully as I have been true to my remembrance of you, princess, I would have been [illegible] long ere this. [illegible] Have you, then, lost [illegible] that winter in Washington five years ago, that whirlwind of gayety which ended by wafting you away to a foreign country, [illegible] that [illegible] season clings to my memory as if it were a disastrous western cyclone. Is it possible that I must [illegible] myself as Donal Stirling?"

"Not Lord Donal Stirling?" asked Jennie, [illegible] that she had heard this name in connection with something diplomatic and her guess that he was in that service was strengthened by his previous remark about being [illegible]

"Yes, Lord Donal, if you will cruelly insist [illegible] White House [illegible]

"[illegible] remember what happened in Washington five years ago. You know the administration [illegible] so far as that.

[illegible] administration. I have [illegible] forgetting so easy."

"Are you quite sure of that, Lord Donal?" asked the girl archly, closing her fan and giving him for the first time a full view of her face.

The young man seemed for a moment perplexed, but she went on, giving him little time for reflection. "Have your diplomatic duties taken you away from Washington?"

"Yes, to the other end of the earth. I am now in St. Petersburg, with ultimate hopes of Vienna, princess. I happened to be in London this week, and, hearing you were to be here, I moved heaven and earth for an invitation."

"Which you obtained only to find yourself forgotten. How hollow this world is, isn't it?"

"Ah, yes. A man in my profession sees a good deal of the seamy side of life, and I fully believe that my rapidly [illegible] belief in human veracity will be shattered by my superiors sending me to Constantinople. But let me find you a seat out of this crowd where we may talk of old times."

"I don't care so much about the past as I do about the present. Let us go up into that gallery, where you will point out to me the celebrities. I suppose you know them all, while I am an entire stranger to London society."

"That is a capital idea!" cried the young man enthusiastically. "Yes, I think I know most of the people here, at least by name. Ah, here comes the royal party! We shall just be in time to have a good look at them."

The band played the national anthem, and Lord Donal got two chairs, which he placed at the edge of the gallery, well hidden from the promenaders by spreading tropical plants.

"Oh, this is jolly!" cried Jennie, quite forgetting the dignity of a princess. "You told me why you came to the ball. Do you know why I am here?"

"On the remote chance of meeting me, whom you pretended to have forgotten," replied the young man audaciously.

"Of course," laughed Jennie. "But, aside from that, I came to see the costumes. You know we women are [illegible] said to dress for each other. Away from the world in the Tyrol, I have little opportunity of seeing anything fine in the way of dress, and so I accepted the invitation of the duchess."

"Have you the invitation of the duchess with you?"

"Yes, I am going to take some notes on the back of it. Would you like to see it?" She handed him the letter and then leaned back in her chair, regarding him closely. The puzzled expression on his face deepened as he glanced over the invitation and saw that it was exactly what it purported to be. He gave the letter back to her, saying:

"So you are here to see the fashions. It's a subject I know little about, but, judging by effect, I should say that the Princess von Steinheimer has nothing to learn from any one present. If I may touch on a topic so personal, your costume is what they call a creation, is it not, princess?"

"It isn't bad," said the girl, looking down at her gown and then glancing up at him with mischief lurking in her eyes. The diplomat had his [illegible] resting on [illegible] balustrade, his head leaning on his hand, and, quite oblivious to everything else, was gazing at her with such [illegible] intentness that the girl blushed and cast down her eyes. The intense admiration in his look was unconcealed. "Still," she [illegible] somewhat breathlessly, "one gets one's hints from others, and the creation of today is merely the old clothes of tomorrow. Invention has no vacation so far as ladies' apparel is concerned. 'Take no thought for tomorrow, wherewith ye shall be clothed,' may have been [illegible] of the [illegible] but it has little relation with those of Victoria."

"The beauty of the saying is [illegible] the lady [illegible] wives [illegible] know [illegible]"

"[illegible] I was about to say [illegible] attention to the [illegible] [illegible] me [illegible]

[illegible] ready to [illegible] and he saw a quick pallor overspread it. He leaned forward and whispered:

"I know the old [illegible]. If you do not wish to meet him, I will intercept him."

Jennie rose slowly to her feet, and, looking with a calmness she was far from feeling at the young man, said coldly:

"Why should I not wish to meet the ambassador of my adopted country?"

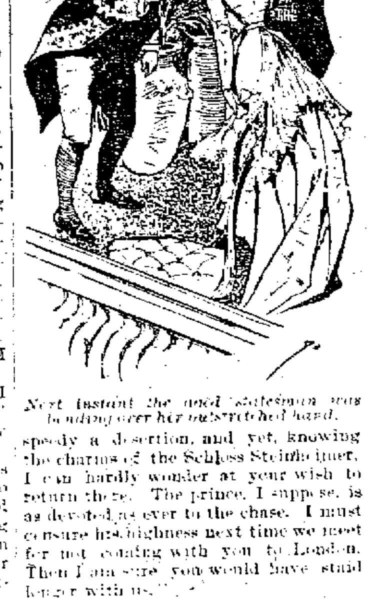
"I know of no reason; quite the contrary, for he must be an old friend of yours, having been your guest at the Schloss Steinheimer a year ago."

He stepped back as he said this, and Jennie had difficulty in suppressing the gasp of dismay with which she received his disquieting information; but she stood her ground without wincing. She was face to face with the crisis she had foreseen—the coming of one who knew the princess. Next instant the aged statesman was bending over her outstretched hand, which in courtly fashion the old man raised to his lips.

"I am delighted to have the privilege of welcoming you to this gloomy old city, Princess von Steinheimer, which you illumine with your presence. Do you stay long in London?"

"The period of illumination is short, your excellency. I leave for Paris tomorrow."

"So soon, without even visiting the embassy? I am distressed to hear of so speedy a desertion, and yet, knowing the charms of the Schloss Steinheimer, I can hardly wonder at your wish to return there. The prince, I suppose, is as devoted as ever to the chase. I must censure his highness next time we meet for not coming with you to London. Then I am sure you would have staid longer with us."



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"The prince is a model husband, your excellency," said Jennie, with a sly glance at Lord Donal, whose expression of uncertainty increased as this colloquy went on, "and he would have come to London without a murmur had his wife been selfish enough to tear him away from his beloved Meran."

"A model husband!" said the ancient courtier, with an unctuous chuckle. "So few of us excel in that respect, but there is this to be said in our exculpation—so few have been matrimonially so fortunate as Prince von Steinheimer. I have never ceased to long for a repetition of the charming visit I paid to your delightful home."

"If your excellency but knew how welcome you are, your visits would not have such long intervals between."

"It is most kind of you, princess, to cheer an old man's heart by such gracious words. It is our misfortune that affairs of state chain us to our pillar, and indeed diplomacy seems to become more difficult as the years go on, because we have to contend with the [illegible] of rising young men like Lord Donal Stirling here, who are more than a match for old dogs that find it impossible to learn new tricks."

"Indeed, your excellency," [illegible] his lordship, speaking for the first time since the [illegible] very [illegible] lay at your feet, and [illegible] but without hope of excelling."

The old man chuckled [illegible], turning to the girl, [illegible] his [illegible]

"[illegible] for me at the castle [illegible]"

"Yes, your excellency, [illegible] two red rocking chairs [illegible] to America with [illegible] I find most comfortable resting [illegible] when you are free from the [illegible]"

"Ah! The [illegible] I remember now that you were expecting them when I was there. So they arrived safely, I hope, and that [illegible] you had ordered [illegible] certain of having at least one or two serviceable."

"Not only a dozen, and they all came through with [illegible]"

"[illegible]" leaning again over the hand presented to him. "What unheard of things you do!"

And so the old man [illegible] way, leaving many [illegible] behind, evidently not having the slightest suspicion that he had met any one but the person he supposed himself addressing, for his eyesight was not of the best and [illegible] distinguished women.

The girl sat down with [illegible] dignity, while Lord Donal dropped into his chair, an expression of complete mystification on his clean cut, honest face. Jennie slowly fanned herself. [illegible] the heat made itself felt at that elevated situation, and for a few moments nothing was said by either. The young man was the first to break silence.

"Should I be so fortunate as to get an invitation to the Schloss Steinheimer, may I hope that a red rocking chair will be allotted to me? I have not sat in one since I was in the States."

"Yes, one for you, two for the embassador," said Jennie, with a laugh.

"I should like further to flatter myself that your double generosity to the embassador arises solely from the dignity of his office and is not in any way personal."

"I am very fond of embassadors. They are courteous gentlemen, who seem to have less distrust than is exhibited by some not so exalted."

"Distrust! You surely cannot mean that I have distrusted you, princess?"

"Oh, I was speaking generally," replied Jennie airily. "You seem to seek a personal application."

"I admit, princess, that several times this evening I have been completely at sea."

"And, what is worse, Lord Donal, you have shown it, which is the one unforgivable fault in diplomacy."

"You are quite right. If I had you to teach me, I would be an embassador within the next five years, or at least a minister."

The girl looked at him over the top of her fan, covert merriment lurking in her eyes.

"When you visit Schloss Steinheimer, you might ask the prince if he objects to my giving you lessons."

Here there was another interruption, and the announcement was made that the United States embassador desired to renew his acquaintance with the Princess von Steinheimer. Lord Donal made use of an impatient exclamation more emphatic than he intended to give utterance to, but on looking at his companion in alarm he saw in her glance a quick flash of gratitude as unmistakable as if she had spoken her thanks. It was quite evident that the girl had no desire to meet his excellency, which is not to be wondered at, as she had already encountered him three times in her capacity of journalist. He not only knew the Princess von Steinheimer, but he knew Jennie Baxter as well.

She leaned back in her chair and said wearily:

"I seem to be having [illegible] too much of diplomatic society this evening. Are you acquainted with the American embassador also, Lord Donal?"

"Yes," cried the young man, springing to his feet. "He was a prominent politician at Washington while I was there. He is an excellent [illegible] shall I [illegible] your excuses to him if you don't want to meet him?"

"Thank you so much. You may now [illegible] an opportunity of [illegible] your diplomatic reputation if you can postpone the interview with graceful [illegible]"

Lord Donal departed with alacrity, and the moment he was gone the [illegible] appearance of [illegible] vanished from Miss Jennie Baxter.

"Now is my chance," she whispered to herself. "I must [illegible] before he returns."

Eager as she was to [illegible], she knew that she [illegible] Expecting to find a [illegible] at the [illegible] end of the gallery, [illegible] but found none. [illegible] that she would meet [illegible] coming up she had difficulty [illegible] her first steps to the [illegible] was necessary. She reached [illegible] of the stair in safety [illegible] [illegible] beautiful lady walking [illegible] distance between the gallery and [illegible] room and the [illegible] ly alone and unattended. [illegible] there [illegible] she could [illegible] side exit [illegible] in this large house [illegible] dismay she found Lord Donal [illegible] her side, rather breathless, as if [illegible] been hurrying in search of her. The [illegible] brows were knit, and [illegible] was [illegible]

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ADMIRAL DEWEY and wife are both getting tired of politics.

KING OTTO, the mad king of Bavaria, is in a dying condition.

THE United States Government has declined to interfere in the South African war.

IN a mine explosion near Raleigh, N. C., twenty-two men were killed on Tuesday of this week.

PAUL KRUGER would not consent to unconditional surrender and now it is to be a fight to a finish.

IT seems that the Russian torpedo boats are not a success. One exploded last Thursday killing six men.

THE anti-canteen bill has been favorably reported by the House committee, with an amendment to exclude liquor from Government buildings.

THE Methodist general conference at Chicago have at last elected two new bishops. Rev. J. W. Hamilton and Rev. D. H. Moore were the lucky ones.

EMERY is a protectionist, a gold bug, an advocate of the "crime of 73," everything that ordinarily throws Democracy into a rage.—Cameron County Press.

IT has been decided by the United States Supreme Court that Gov. Beckham shall be the governor of Kentucky. Great joy was expressed at Frankfort at this result.

THE Republicans will make a strong fight for Missouri this fall and the chances for winning are good. Our present prosperity is undisputable argument for Republicanism.

MATTHEW STANLEY QUAY will be a candidate before the next legislature to succeed himself in the United States Senate. Mr. Quay says he expects to be elected by the next General Assembly.

PRESIDENT KRUGER and the Boer leaders have made no overtures to England for peace. Last week Col. Baden-Powell of the British forces relieved Mafeking which was a crushing blow to the Boers.

ANOTHER rich American girl who married a Hungarian count has applied for a divorce. The charges are "cruelty and desertion." Will the desire of our American girls ever cease to trade wealth and happiness for foreign titles?

RICHARD CROKER, in spite of his foreign wanderings, still cherishes pleasant memories of Chicago and the World's Fair of 1893. He says the present Paris Exposition is not in it, when compared with the Windy City's efforts in the same line. If Mr. Croker ever tires of his leadership in Tammany circles in New York, he is assured of a cordial welcome in the metropolis on Lake Michigan.

THE Democrats don't want to support Mr. Sibley for Congress because he is now the nominee of the Republican party, but they are perfectly willing to vote for Mr. Emery, an avowed Republican, provided they can prevail upon him to become a candidate. It is not because they love Mr. Emery more, but Mr. Sibley less. That old saying about consistency being a jewel is very applicable in this case.—Franklin News.

"SUPPOSE," asks the Hartford Times, "there were such things as party platforms in England, and that one of the great political organizations there were to denounce the action of the United States Government in regard to the Philippines; would not the average American citizen begin to talk about a shooting match right away? What better warrant have our conventions for making declarations about controversies affecting the British Empire?"

SOME years since the Colorado Republicans sent to Congress James Belford, who was known as the "Red Rooster of the Rockies." He was a very popular man in that state and one of the most eloquent stump speakers in the west. Whenever it was announced that Jim Belford was to speak a big crowd was sure to be present to listen to the red headed orator. But when the silver craze struck the country Belford was one of its early champions and four years ago he supported Bryan, throwing all the earnestness of his fiery nature into the campaign. Within the past two years he has kept very quiet and now announces that he was all wrong in his ideas that the prosperity of the country depended on free silver. He says that the Democrats have not a live issue to go before the country with and that he is back in the Republican party for good.—Kane Republican.

Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, May 21, 1900.

Nothing more disgusting has been seen in national politics than the exploiting of the three Boer envoys, who are now in Washington, by anti-administration Senators and Representatives to try and embarrass President McKinley and to make Democratic political capital among voters who sympathize with the Boers in the unfortunate war in South Africa. The men who are working this game really care nothing for the Boers, but they think they see an opportunity to use the envoys to help the Democrats, and, they have so little patriotism that they have undertaken the dirty job. This is a new thing in American politics, but as the common sense of the country is behind the neutrality of the administration, is is not likely to accomplish what its projectors hope for. Heretofore, it has been the proud boast of Americans that no matter how greatly we differed upon matters of domestic policy, we always unanimously backed up the foreign policy of our government. The men who have destroyed our right to make that boast have not done a job to be proud of. President McKinley will give the same recognition to the Boer envoys as would be given to private citizens of any foreign country, who visited Washington, no more and no less. They have no official status in this country any more than they had in Europe, where they made a number of ineffectual attempts to secure official recognition before coming to the United States.

President McKinley has accepted invitations to attend the reunion of the Army of the Potomac, at Fredericksburg, Va., May 25th; the unveiling of the monument to the dead of both armies, at Antietam, May 30th, and the 34th annual encampment of the Pennsylvania G. A. R., at Gettysburg, June 6th.

Senator McCumber made a speech favoring the retention of the Philippines, in which he said: "That it is to our commercial and financial interests to retain them the most ardent opponent of the administration cannot properly deny. That our naval interests demand their retention must be admitted. Who would throw aside this wonderful opportunity at the present time? The objectors to American expansion claim that the same nation, which in May, went to war for humanity in December, went to war for conquest and greed. Have they not faith in the honor and integrity of their own country? Have they not faith in the sense of justice of the American people? Then, act this faith and trust your own people."

Senator Chandler has been instructed by the committee on elections, of which he is chairman, to push the resolution declaring Mr. Clark not to have been legally elected to the Senate, notwithstanding Mr. Clark's resignation. The resolution would probably have been allowed to die had Mr. Clark contented himself with resigning, but his little trick of having himself appointed by the acting governor, to fill the vacancy made by his resignation has offended the dignity of Senators, and many of them express a determination to see that he doesn't get a seat on any such credentials. The later appointment of ex Congressman Martin Maginnis by Gov. Smith, is not seriously considered by many Senators.

Congress has formally accepted the fine marble statue of Gen. Grant, representing him standing in full uniform, presented by the G. A. R. The statue was unveiled by Miss Sartoris, a granddaughter of Gen. Grant, and Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Sartoris were present.

Secretary Gage has sent out notice that the $25,000,000, of 2 per cent bonds, payable at the government's pleasure, will be redeemed on presentation, and that interest thereon will cease September 1. Republican administrations pay bonds; Democratic administrations sell bonds. Quite a difference.

The adjournment of Congress early in June has been practically determined upon. The House will be ready for adjournment any time after the first week in June, and the present impression is that the adjournment will take place somewhere between the tenth and fifteenth, the date depending on the Senate.

An attempt will be made to get a vote on the Nicaraguan canal bill, which was favorably reported last week, in the Senate this week, but if there is a disposition to prolong the debate, the attempt will hardly succeed. Some of the best friends of the bill would prefer that it be not passed at this session for one or another reason, although they will, of course, vote for it, if a vote can be reached in a reasonable time. If it is voted upon, it will pass by a large majority.

Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, who is now in Cuba in charge of the investigation of the postal system, has ample authority to reorganize the entire system, and make any changes he deems wise.

Why This Solicitude?

Providence (R. I.) News.

It has always been claimed by the friends of Protection that the foreigner paid the tax.

But the Democrats and the Free Traders have insisted that the foreigner did not suffer at all, that the Yankee consumer paid all the Tariff taxes.

If that was true, why should it be now urged so rampantly by the Free Traders that the Porto Ricans, being treated as foreigners, are going to suffer by reason of the operation of that Tariff?

Such an opinion lays an axe at the root of one of the most cherished formulae of the Free Trader—that the American consumer pays all the Tariff duties.

For twenty years the Democratic Free-Traders have declared vociferously that it was absurd to claim that the foreigner paid the Tariff duties.

Why, then, this solicitude on their part about the Porto Ricans.

Reduced Rates to Philadelphia.

On account of the Republican National Convention at Philadelphia, June 19, the Pennsylvania Railroad company will sell excursion tickets to Philadelphia from all stations on its line at rate of one fare for the round trip (minimum rate 50 cents). Tickets will be sold and good going June 15 to 19, inclusive, and returning to June 26, inclusive.

Unable to Work.

Chas. Replogle, of Atwater, O., was unable to work on account of kidney trouble. After using Foley's Kidney Cure four days he was entirely well. L. K. Hograth & Co.

Schley is Not in Politics.

Philadelphia Times.

Rear Admiral Schley has been widely discussed as a possible candidate for Vice President on the Democratic ticket with Bryan. The Rear Admiral is away off in South America and it has been assumed that in his absence he may be pressed as a political candidate, with reasonable assurance that he would accept if nominated.

Many intimate friends of Rear Admiral Schley did not need the emphatic declaration that has just been given to the public by Ex Senator Manderson, of Nebraska, stating that under no circumstances would the Rear Admiral permit his name to be used for a political office. Mr. Manderson has given to the public an extract from a letter recently received from Rear Admiral Schley to which he says, "I don't know quite what I have done to be made by some enthusiastic friends the tail of Bryan's kite. For men of the army or navy to aspire to public places, with little acquaintance with public men and still less with public affairs, has always seemed to me absurd." To this he adds: "I feel much as General Sherman did when he said that if nominated he would not accept, and if elected would not serve."

Rear Admiral Schley visited the West and a portion of the South, and was received with the greatest enthusiasm by the people, but in every instance he promptly and peremptorily declared his purpose not to permit his name to be associated with political aspirations, and before he sailed as commander of the South Atlantic Squadron his most earnest request to his friends was to protect him from even the semblance of complications with any political affairs whatever. If the Democratic convention were to nominate him unanimously for Vice President he would certainly peremptorily decline.

Rear Admiral Schley has been manfully and earnestly supported against the malignant and persistent assaults of the naval bureaucrats of Washington by a majority of the Republican Senators and Representatives. They did it because they knew him to be an accomplished and heroic naval officer, who would never permit himself to be involved in the maelstrom of politics. It would well serve the purposes of his enemies if they could charge him with seeking to gain political promotion, and he and his friends well understand that in no way could he be so seriously harmed as by permitting his name to be discussed as an ambitious aspirant for a place on the Democratic national ticket. Of one thing the Democratic leaders may be well assured, and that is that Rear Admiral Schley is not in politics.

Nautral Bridge for Sale.

Oil City Derrick.

Virginia's great Natural Bridge is in the hands of the real estate dealers and will be sold to any one who has the price. It is one of the grandest natural curiosities of America. The land upon which it is situated once belonged to Thomas Jefferson. It was purchased shortly after the civil war by Colonel Parsons, an officer of the Union army. He built fences about the place, erected toll gates and charged an admission fee to tourists who wished to visit the bridge. When he died the estate passed over to his heirs. The Parsons heirs retained control of the estate and have kept it and derived revenue from it ever since. For the last 15 years it has yielded about $10,000 a year.

The male line of Colonel Parsons, it is said, is now extinct and the difficulties surrounding the management of the pleasure resort have become such that the women who now own it have determined to give it up. Of the original 2,500 acres, only 500 remain in the estate comprising the Natural Bridge.

The Natural Bridge is located on the Clifton Forge division of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, about 14 miles southwest of Lexington. The fact of it being in the midst of a limestone country, surrounded by cliffs of that material which contain many subterranean streams, leads to the conclusion that it is a portion of the arched roof of a great cavern which formerly existed there, and the dimensions, of which may be regarded as being outlined by the present canyon. The bridge is described as a single block of limestone 215 feet high, and with a width of 100 feet, it forms a natural span over a chasm where the sun never enters. The visitor follows a tumbling cascade down the western slope of the Blue Ridge Mountains right in the heart of Virginia until he finds himself in a dark canon with the great bridge towering above him. Anyone who is in the market for a natural bridge will undoubtedly find this a great bargain.

Free to Inventors.

The experience of C. A. Snow & Co. in obtaining more than 20,000 patents for inventors has enabled them to helpfully answer many questions relating to the protection of intellectual property. This they have done in a pamphlet treating briefly of United States and foreign patents, with cost of same, and how to procure them; trade marks, designs, caveats, infringements, decisions in leading patent cases, etc., etc.

This pamphlet will be sent free to anyone writing to C. A. Snow & Co., Washington, D. C.

An Epidemic of Whooping Cough.

Last winter during an epidemic of whooping cough my children contracted the disease, having severe coughing spells. We had used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy very successfully for croup and naturally turned to it at that time and found it relieved the cough and effected a complete cure. [illegible], proprietor Norwood House, Norwood, N. Y. This remedy is for sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

G. A. R. Encampment.

For the G. A. R. encampment, Department of Pennsylvania, at Gettysburg June 6, the Pennsylvania Railroad company will sell excursion tickets to Gettysburg from all stations on its line in the state of Pennsylvania at rate of one fare for the round trip. Tickets to be sold and good going June 5 and 6, returning until June 11 inclusive [illegible]

Valuable Property For Sale.

Houses and lots centrally located in Smethport; terms moderate. A store in the Bailly block for rent after May 22. 17-tf A. BAILEY.

Nine chances in ten it's your kidneys that need attention if you don't feel well. Foley's Kidney Cure makes healthy kidneys and will make you well. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

Hamlin & Forbes have a new line of refrigerators and ice cream freezers. Inquire at their big store for [illegible]

Mason's hardware is headquarters for screen doors. All sizes, the best and the cheapest.

Sheldon Again.

Pittsburg News.

Rev. Mr. Sheldon, of Topeka, Kansas, who believes he has a divine commission to solve all those problems that have perplexed mankind since the creation, has kindly consented to take up the servant girl question upon his return from a European trip which he is now planning, and is engaged in distributing advance notices of the publication, in accordance with his usual custom. His "solution" of the puzzling problem will be contained in a story which will "appeal to the Christian young women of this country to dignify the labor of the kitchen by making it a working place fully as honorable as the office, schoolroom or parlor." This is to be read to his congregation in seven consecutive chapters, and then issued in book form. Mr. Sheldon will handle the question without gloves and promises to knock it out so thoroughly that it will never rise again to bother the brains of the American people.

What is the servant girl problem of which we hear so much nowadays. Is it a question calling for deep research and profound consideration, or is it a matter simply requiring the exercise of a little common sense? The question reduced to its simplest terms is: How to obtain satisfactory domestic service at a fair price. Girls who have to earn their own living are flocking to factories and stores and offices in preference to becoming house servants. It is evident, then, that life in the home holds no attraction for them. Housewives must offer additional inducements, either in the shape of increased pay or more comfortable surroundings, if they are to compete successfully with other employers of labor. Mr. Sheldon may talk about the "dignity of labor" until he is tired, or until, what is more likely, everybody else is, and he will not render washing dishes a degree more pleasurable as an occupation for young women. It is to be feared the "servant girl problem" will remain in an unsolved condition unless some mightier mind than that of the inventor of the newsless newspaper can be induced to tackle it.

Our Former Glory On the Sea.

In the early years of this Republic our plentiful and prosperous shipping gave us rank with the greatest nations as well as wealth, power and prestige. The intrepid American seaman, as well as the ships of unequaled grace and swiftness that he sailed all over the broad oceans, were the admiration and the envy of all mankind. Americans who have lived their allotted three score years and ten remember with a glow and a thrill the prestige of the American sailor and the American ship in the fifties. But since those days the American clippers have faded from the seas, history and legend alone recording achievements of our countrymen in the merchant service.

There has departed with our shipping one of the greatest money making industries with which the country ever was blessed, and our national neglect has built great powerful fleets of foreign ships that annually earn hundreds of millions of dollars at the expense of the American people. More than that, these powerful merchant ships and their experienced men increase the naval strength of their governments, at the same time perpetuating the dangerous weakness of the United States upon the sea.

A bill to remedy all this, a bill to revive the glory, the grandeur and the greatness of the United States in all the great ports of the world, a bill to turn our foreign carrying over to American ships, now hangs upon each of the Congressional calendars, favorably reported, but unvoted upon. Here is the time. Where the opportunity for an eloquent tongue, an influential orator and a prominent statesman to induce Congress before adjournment to do its manifest duty by American shipping. The hour has struck—where is the man?

A Free Scholarship to Each County.

The Carnegie College, a newly incorporated institution at [illegible], Ohio, in order to introduce its methods of teaching by correspondence, will give one free scholarship to each county in your state. The free scholarship grants to the student free tuition in the normal and academic courses, and also in the business courses, including bookkeeping and shorthand. All the instruction is given by mail at the student's home. Students making application for free scholarship should write at once to the college and mention this paper, and also the county and state.

The ancients believed that rheumatism was the work of a demon within a man. Any one who has had an attack of sciatic or inflammatory rheumatism will agree that the infliction is demoniac enough to warrant the belief. It has never been claimed that Chamberlain's Pain Balm would cast out demons, but it will cure rheumatism, and hundreds bear testimony to the truth of this statement. One application relieves the pain, and this quick relief which it affords is alone worth many times its cost. For sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

Summer Excursion Book.

The W. N. Y. & P. is making great preparations for a heavy excursion travel this season. The company has just issued a booklet giving a list of the Niagara Falls, Toronto and Thousand Islands excursions to be run during the season, together with other interesting matter in connection with the excursion resorts mentioned. These books can be had by sending 2 cents postage to S. B. Newton, excursion manager, W. N. Y. & P. Ry., 411 Mooney Building Buffalo, N. Y.

Pneumonia follows lagrippe but never follows the use of Foley's Honey and Tar, the great throat and lung remedy. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

Call and see samples of [illegible] at Mason's

Go to Chas. Lemunyon for trunks. He has a new line just in.

Screen doors of all sizes at Mason's.

To Contractors and Builders.

[illegible]

YENOOR

Union Made. Quality not [illegible]

[illegible]

Bell Brothers,

Olean, N. Y.

Do your daughters graduate this spring? If so they will need a pretty new dress, pretty slippers, fans, gloves, etc.

The place to buy these articles is where the assortment of materials is large and the house that will sell you the best things for the money [illegible] and effective. We are prepared to do all this and ask your careful inspection.

One of our show windows is filled with pretty white organdies, dimities, French lawns, Swiss mulls, Batiste, Persian lawns, Mercerized pongees, silk taffeteens, [illegible] together with Swiss and Nainsook embroideries, [illegible] effective for [illegible]

Our [illegible] will be pleased to [illegible] for an effective [illegible]

Our Millinery Department

is making special trims for graduating week.

The "CHIC"—Leghorn, trimmed with white chiffon and flowers, very effective.

The "Round Hat," white and yellow straw, is so becoming for young ladies and especially desirable for graduations.

The "Ladysmith," so desirable for golf and tennis.

In the Silk Department.

Pretty white waists valencine lace insertions are the newest in white, while silk waists, with effective yokes beautifully tucked, are strictly up to date.

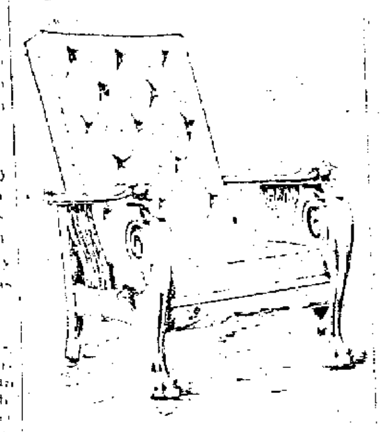
Pique Skirts.

150 white pique skirts placed on sale this week, all styles. They are the proper thing for summer.

BELL BROTHERS,

The Leading Dry Goods, Carpet & Furniture House of Southwestern New York.

Sloan & Ervin.



The Big Main Street Store.

FURNITURE
CARPETS
MANTLES
TILE WORK

16 Main St. Bradford, Pa.

NOTICE.

Office of
Smethport Water Co.

Smethport, Pa. May 15, 1900.

At a meeting of the Company held this day, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved That all patrons of the Company are required to keep the water shut off when not in use and allow no waste, and they are hereby notified that unless this resolution is complied with the water will be shut off from their service.

HENRY HAMLIN,
President.

M. L. ARMSTRONG,
The Leading JEWELER

Watches
Clocks
Novelties
Fine Jewelry
[illegible] Goods

[illegible]

Why We Are Best
For Furniture & Carpets

It's not [illegible] when we say we have the best furniture store. [illegible] when we say we have the best [illegible] Best facilities for supplying your needs. We don't [illegible] for price, but we assure you the greatest value for your money. It's in doing all these things, showing our patrons every attention, that brings new customers and retains old ones. All inquiries by mail or phone receive prompt attention. (The office of the Bell Telephone Co. is within one block.)

DINING ROOM FURNITURE IN GREAT VARIETY.

Golden oak china closet and sideboards combined, $40. Quartered oak cane seat dining chairs $2.25 special. Golden oak dining table, turned legs polish top, special, $8. Full line leather seat chairs, tables $5 to $25, sideboards $15 to $50, chairs [illegible] to $4.50 each. Best quality all brass beds $[illegible] and $[illegible]. White enamel beds, brass trimmed $4.50, $[illegible] and $[illegible]. Solid oak [illegible] $[illegible], mahogany $50 and $60. Odd dressers, wash stands, dressing tables, chiffoniers, springs, mattresses, pillows, etc. Our line of parlor furniture is new and modern. Fine line odd pieces, rockers, tetes, Davenports, couches, Morris chairs, etc. Baby carriages and go carts at popular prices.

OUR CARPET DEPARTMENT IS VERY BUSY.

The largest line of pretty styles in the city at lowest prices. Large line Oriental velvets in designs suitable for large rugs library, hall and parlor carpets. Remember we sew, pack and deliver all goods free.

Andrews & Conkling,

Agents for White Sewing Machines. A Five Year Guarantee.

Olean's Big Store.

NEW STORE

NEW CLOTHING.
NEW PIECE GOODS.
NEW EVERYTHING.

EXCEPTING

OLD PRINCIPLE "VALUE FOR YOUR MONEY."

H. W. RUBIN & CO.

AN UP-TO-DATE CUTTER.
MERCHANT TAILORING A SPECIALTY.

New Goods at Store of D. C. Young.

Just returned from New York where I purchased a fine line of Spring Goods. All the novelties of the season in Dry Goods. Call and examine same

D. C. YOUNG.

SMETHPORT, PA.

Feb. 27, 1900.

BLIND.

What a horrible sensation you experienced when you looked upon that unfortunate man and realized his deplorable condition. Ever thought of yourself—thought that by your persistent carelessness you might some day have the same affliction? Unless by accident, blindness always comes one way—by NEGLECT. Eyes become weak: you strain them. They become weaker; you continue your carelessness: at last it is too late, your case is hopeless—no help—no cure. Come in today. We'll examine your eyes and tell you just what is needed FREE of charge. Then if you like will supply you.

Chas. H. Robie,
Leading Optician and Jeweler,

143 N. Union St. - Olean, N. Y.

Following is a partial list of goods carried by

L. K. HOGARTH & CO.

Opposite Court House.

- Cut Glass Ware
- Sterling Silver Novelties
- Plated Ware
- Inks & Mucilage
- Wave Crest Ware
- Trusses, Rubber Goods
- Antiseptic Dressings
- Fishing Tackle
- Stationery
- Blank Books
- Leather Goods
- Letter Files
- Bohemian Ware
- Grecian Ware
- Patent Medicines
- Drugs
- Chemicals
- Tooth Brushes
- Hair Brushes
- Toilet Articles
- Chamois

[illegible] located in our store.

Store Open Night and Day.

COME TO BRADFORD.

You will find all the variety here that any-one can wish for. You buy at prices which no store can undersell, yet get lines that are tested—that are selected to sustain our reputation. You get all the possible benefits of the greatest stores.

HAMMOCKS.

All the styles made by three great makers—bought in enormous quantities—sold on very small margins.

The 1900 hammocks are unique. No styles ever shown like them. Prices 75 cents up. For $2 a very good one. The best in the store for $4.50—worth $6.

LAWN MOWERS.

We sell good lawn mowers for less than any other store around here. And we alone sell the Pennsylvanias — the best ever made.

Lawn mower sharpeners $1.00.

BABY CABS.

We show fifty styles of baby cabs with many new features. Not a price has advanced over last season, though cost has advanced enormously.

Prices run from $6.50 up.

Go-carts made in all styles in accordance with our own specifications. They will please you.

RUBBER PAINT.

Our paint stock includes the best of everything. But the most economical paint that we have is Rubber Paint. We have tested it for 17 years and have found it durable. It outlasts common paint two and three times over. Sold ready mixed in 20 colors—$1.50 per gal.

REFRIGERATORS.

We sell Vogt's—for 35 years the standard for honesty. They are so economical of ice that they pay for themselves over and over. Modern in every way save the filling. Such honest filling not common now.

Prices $8 up.

Ice chests $5.50.

RUBBER HOSE.

The warranted kinds, from [illegible] to 11 cents per foot. You cannot get the poor kinds for less.

ICE CREAM FREEZERS.

The Peerless—so convenient that a child can operate. Quick—freezes in 3 minutes. Two quart size for $1.75.

DINNER SETS $4.95.

We have some dinner sets of 100 pieces that we sell at less than half value because of slight imperfections. They are the best bargains ever offered in this department.

HARNESS.

No store in this section can compete with us on harness. The owners of this store are horsemen. We know what is good and how to buy it. An $11 harness for $8. Harness for every purpose, and everything else for a horse.

L. EMERY, JR., & CO.,

Emery & Weaver. BRADFORD, PA.

GRANITE WARE SALE!

Best White Goods Made—at Starvation Prices.

We ordered one $50.00 hogshead of crockery and the manufacturers sent us 3 large 50 lots. These we must sell. To introduce them we will sell you one lot or hogshead at the following give away prices. They will not last long at these prices and they are extra quality Iron Stone China and all are A No. 1 (not seconds, thirds or culls.) U C we were loaded, or in other words had our orders [illegible] through mistake. So our loss is your gain.

1 set 6 unhandled Teas	20c	Reg. price	40c
1 " 6 handled "	30c	" "	50c
1 " 6 4-inch Fruits	20c	" "	4c ea
1 " 6 7-inch Plates	35c	" "	42c
1 " 6 5-inch "	25c	" "	30c

1 6-inch Nappie	10c	1 8-inch Dish	10c
1 7-inch "	15c	1 9-inch "	15c
1 8-inch "	20c	1 10-inch "	25c
1 9-inch "	25c	1 12-inch "	35c

1 4 1-4 inch Bowl	10c
1 one pint Jug or Pitcher	10c
1 1 1-2 " " " "	15c
1 2 1-2 " " " "	25c
1 3 3-4 " " " "	35c

Ol' Farmer Stickles is after 'em again, with hayseed in his [illegible]. He has just rec'd 200 lbs. chois 16c hi-grade, mix'd cookies. Y[illegible] chois while tha last at 10c lb. (Quite a wheelbarrow load [illegible] think so?) Da by da that little wheelbarrow load is a grow[illegible] the ol' man has but little more space 2 fil, then he will [illegible] Bargin Sales.

Why pay double price for a fu da'z credit? Why pay 25 & [illegible] for sad iron handles? Our price 10c. Why pay 10 & 15c for [illegible] harness snaps? Our price 2c each. Why pay 10c for ginger snaps? We sell 'em at 5c & tha R the best to be had. Why pay [illegible] shoes? Our stock iz ov the best makes; we don't ask U $[illegible] the Douglass shoe—$2.25 is our price. That's the wa we slash [illegible]

We hav had a big trade this week on pants, but still have a [illegible] stock left. U still get 4 lbs. best soda crackers for 25c. Others [illegible] the same at 8 & 10c lb. Our 48c tea iz the same U pay 60c for. We have a good 50c tea that we sel at 3 lbs for $1.00. Screen windows 25, 30 & 35c; best screen doors 95c & $1.25. It pays to get the best; we have no use for those 60c screen doors that will sag and [illegible]

This week we resurrected a fu ov those back nos. in hats that some ov tho's knowing smart ones handled to death last summer. These old back numbers made to sell and marked $3.00 wil be sold for less than the trimming is worth. $1.50 takes the $3.00 hats & $1 [illegible] the $2.25 hats. This season our hats has not been fondled & [illegible] by the smart knowing ones; we run our business ourselves & [illegible] are strictly up to date & are made by expert city trimmers who [illegible] they have thousands of $ $ worth of trimmings & flowers to select from. No country botch work here. No fancy prices 2 rob the poor. We do not have to depend upon this single line for our [illegible]

A. E. STICKLES,

SPRAGUE BLOCK, SMETHPORT, PA.

F. G. LINDHOLM & CO.

HAMMOCKS

Don't think of determining what you want in hammocks until you have seen all that is new and pretty. We are showing a complete line this week, ranging in price from $1 to $4.50.

SUMMER UNDERWEAR.

Old Prices Prevail.

We buy in case lots, which will enable us to give our trade the benefit of low prices.

Gent's Balbriggans 25c to 50c.

Ladies' Gauze Vests 5c to 50c.

Children's Gauze 5c to 50c.

An entire new line of shirt waists and belts.

A full line of Groceries and Provisions.

Mail orders given our careful attention.

F. G. Lindholm & Co.

Picture Mouldings

A new stock

Reasonable cost

Vive Cameras

The best—All sizes

Enquire about Price

"IKE" GLEASON, The Photographer,

Smethport, Pa.

IT IS

a well known fact houses doing a large business with ample capital can afford to handle better assortments and sell closer than smaller concerns. We are doing the business, have the capital and are selling close. If we should not have what you want we will get it at once.

The Big Store,

Hamlin & Redfield.

HARDWARE, IMPLEMENTS, TOOLS, COOKING UTENSILS, PAINTS, CHINA, GLASSWARE, ETC.

Opposite Postoffice.

McKean County Miner

Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

SMETHPORT, THURSDAY, MAY 24, 1900.

Smethport, Pa.

Smethport, McKean county, Penn'a, is located in one of the richest agricultural districts in northwestern Pennsylvania, only 47 miles from Buffalo, N. Y., and 151 miles—air line—from Pittsburg, Pa.

Smethport has four lines of railroad leading direct to all the principal distributing centres, both east and west, and the great lakes.

Cheap fuel of all kinds in abundance.

In the centre of the largest and best natural gas belt in the state.

Cheap fuel oil in vast quantities.

Within six miles of large bituminous coal beds, and, on a direct line of railroad, within 30 miles of the famous Shawmut bituminous coal mines in Elk county.

Endless quantities of the best glass sandstone in the world.

Mountains of shale rock suitable for brick making.

Building stone and flagging in abundance, which can be secured cheaply.

Endless quantities of hardwood lumber, such as beech, maple, birch, elm, ash, etc.

Smethport is the county seat of McKean county, one of the richest counties in the Keystone State, contains a population at the present time of about 2,000, and is growing rapidly, has elegant public buildings, a first-class graded school, city water, natural gas for fuel and lights, four first-class hotels, and the principal industries at the present time are lumbering, two large window glass manufacturing plants, hemlock bark extract works, Backus Safety Chuck Hook Manufacturing Co.'s plant, with a number of other industries.

Smethport has always been considered one of the healthiest towns in the State. Contagious diseases are strangers to the town. Being located 1500 feet above the sea level the town is singularly exempt from all diseases of a contagious nature. Prospect Hill, one of the most sightly spots in the state, and probably the highest elevated spot in Pennsylvania, is only three miles from the business part of the town, which affords a grand view of the finest mountain scenery to be found anywhere in America.

The borough of Smethport is located at the junction of Nunundah and Marvin creek valleys, these streams furnishing an abundance of water for all purposes.

Smethport contains many admirable sites for manufacturing plants of all descriptions.

For further particulars call on, or address Smethport Board of Trade, Smethport, Pa.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Boston won a game yesterday.

—Attend the Athletic club meeting to-night.

—Kane is to have free mail delivery on October 1st.

—Remember the athletic club dance June 5 and 6.

—Shall we celebrate the 4th this year in Smethport.

—Watch for the eclipse of the sun next Monday morning.

—Twenty-eight licenses were granted in Potter county last week.

—Ray Wolters is confined to the house suffering from a bad strain.

—Dr. Montgomery of Bradford will be in town on Thursday, May 31. See ad.

—Cliff McFall is laid up with a severely cut hand received at the Camp factory.

—See change of ad for R. C. Gleason. Cameras and mouldings are his leaders.

—The new lockup is being rapidly built under the direction of Contractor Kerns.

—The Memorial Day program will be found on the fourth page of to-day's issue.

—J. Colegrove's new residence will be ready for occupancy about the first of June.

—E. T. Daly has placed a new sidewalk on the Mechanic street side of his residence.

—Celeron had a disastrous fire Tuesday. Several places of amusement were destroyed.

—Lightning struck the Baptist church at Kane Thursday night. The damage was slight.

—Mrs. Adelina Metcalf died at her home in Liberty township on May 11, aged 92 years.

—Mr. Fred Spinney and Miss Lizzie Warner were married at Limestone, N. Y., on Sunday last.

—Lightning struck and instantly killed Israel Emard of Lewis Run on Wednesday of last week.

—Chas. McCoy holds the medal for big trout so far. He caught one Thursday over 12 inches in length.

—The tank at the Camp factory sprung a leak last Sunday night, but was repaired without a shut-down.

—Holmes & Gilfillan have an ad this week which will be of interest to those needing hardware or building material.

—The front of the Grand Central building is receiving a coat of paint. Judge Reynolds is doing the decorating.

—A special sale of granite ware is being conducted by the Old Racket. Read his large ad on the second page.

—Sanford Bloomburg's house on West Main street is fast nearing completion. It will be a very pretty house when finished.

—Four Polanders have died from the effects of drinking wood alcohol on Sunday the 13th, at South Fork, Potter county.

—It has been suggested by one of our prominent citizens that the borough council exchange the stone crusher for a street sprinkler.

—Frank Krause, who murdered his sweetheart, Maggie Guth, on account of jealousy, was hanged at Allentown yesterday morning.

—A large addition is being built onto the residence of Hon. T. A. Morrison and the interior of this beautiful residence is being remodeled.

—F. G. Lindholm & Co. have a new ad this week in which they speak of hammocks and underwear. Their prices are always reasonable.

—The contract has been awarded for the erection of the silk mill building at Bradford. Peter McManus received the contract, price $6,717.

—Bell Bros., Olean, N. Y., have a change of advertisement this week that will prove of deep interest to prospective "sweet girl graduates."

—A new depot to replace the B., B. & K. depot burned at Ormsby Junction is being built. It is in Ormsby proper, near the Smethport road.

—Jim Fitzpatrick was defeated by Jim Jeffords in Buffalo Monday night. The seconds for the Olean man threw up the sponge in the 11th round.

—Clayson Meek has accepted a position in the drug store of L. K. Hogarth & Co. Mr. Meek is a graduate in pharmacy and a very pleasant gentleman to meet.

—Landlord H. S. Sartwell of the Olean House will have the management of the Bon Air hotel this summer. The house will be opened the latter part of June.

—The Clarion State Normal School is enjoying a prosperous spring term notwithstanding the governor's action in vetoing the students' aid appropriation.

—Another big gusher has been struck in the Gaines oil field. The well started off at the rate of 100 barrels an hour and at last reports was doing 75 barrels per hour.

—Fry & Herzog advertise a one-fourth off sale on spring goods this week. They have adopted the sensible method of offering reduction sales while the goods are yet in season.

—Andrew Nelson, aged 78 years, died at the poor house yesterday. He was an inmate about 7 years. He will be buried by Swedish friends in Rose Hill cemetery this afternoon.

—Donovan Bell is the proud possessor of a little Shetland pony, weighing about 400 pounds. When Don gets his road cart he will have the neatest little turnout in the county.

—Harry L. Vibbard, formerly of Olean, well and favorably known in Smethport, has been appointed instructor in the department of music of the College of Fine Arts, Syracuse, N. Y.

—Miss Bertha McLean of Wheatly, Ont., has accepted a position in the postoffice in this place. Until she commences her duties she is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Jas. A. McKean.

—The building of Bradford's new opera house is delayed on account of the high price of real estate. Smethport would enjoy a larger building boom if real estate was not valued so high.

—The relief fund for the Newton fire sufferers raised by Smethport people reached about $300. The Newton people wish us to state that they are very grateful for the liberal assistance rendered.

—Rennie Decker and his affianced bride, Fannie Sager, were struck and killed by a passenger train on the Pennsylvania railroad at Ridgway Sunday night. They were to have been married June 1.

—A young society woman in Michigan claims that she was hypnotized into borrowing $600. If the hypnotist in the above case will call at this office he will hear of something decidedly to his advantage.

—Until spring schedules are published, trains will leave Smethport on the Kushequa Route as follows: For Bradford, 9:25 a. m., 2:35 p. m. and 4:20 p. m. For Mt. Jewett, 12:00 noon, 4:20 p. m. and 5:45 p. m.

—The MINER job department was never better equipped to do good job work than it is to-day. The prices are always right. Patronize him who helps your business—your home paper always does that.

—List of letters remaining in the postoffice at Smethport for the week ending May 19, 1900: Miss J. E. Breneman, Miss Kate Hennigan, Eugene Stone, Mrs. Julia Stone, Mrs. Warner White, Fred Young.

—Rev. Dr. Walker will preach next Sunday morning and evening from the following topics: At 10:30 a. m.: "Jesus Loved; or the Bliss of Faith." In the evening at 8 o'clock: "Christianity and Philosophy Compared."

—Commencing May 23, Smethport will send mail pouches to Mt. Jewett, Kasson, Marvindale and Hazelhurst via P., S & N. R. R. at 7:15 a. m. and 4 p. m. Will receive pouch from above places at 9:32 a. m. and 6:32 p. m. daily.

—It is reported that hose companies are having trouble in securing hotel accommodations at Kane for the coming convention in August. If this is so we hope matters will be arranged so all can be satisfactorily taken care of.

—On Tuesday evening the jury in the case of Frank Major, charged with the murder of Daniel McGrath, chief of police of Titusville, on November 11, 1899, rendered a verdict of murder in the first degree. Application has been made for a new trial.

—The Pittsburg & Western Railway Co. made a settlement with Mrs. H. H. Corson this morning by paying her $1,150 and taking a release of claim for injuries received at the time of the accident on the road near LaMont.—Kane Republican of yesterday.

—The Oswayo Valley Record takes exceptions to the statement that the Kushequa Route will be the first railroad to run its trains by the use of the telephone. The Record says: The N. Y. & P. R. R. trains have always been handled by the use of the telephone.

—What has become of our base ball enthusiasm? All the adjoining towns are to have base ball teams. Why should we be without? It certainly is not because we lack the material and we understand grounds can easily be had for the trouble of fixing them up.

—While vigorously washing his face last Monday John Fisher of Buffalo ruptured the infra-orbital artery and nearly bled to death before surgical aid could be obtained. This terrible warning will be hailed with delight by the average urchin.

—About 20 members of Smethport Lodge, L. O. T. M., were banqueted by their sisters of Port Allegany Lodge at the latter place last evening. The ladies report a most delightful time.

—Forest fires have broken out again in this vicinity and much fear is expressed that they will do as much damage as before. It is reported that 15,000 cords of chemical wood were burned near Clermont on Tuesday.

—In their new ad this week L. Emery, Jr., & Co. invite the public to come to Bradford to buy goods. This reliable firm certainly holds out great inducements to the buyer. Their stock is the largest and most complete of any house in this section and their prices are always reasonable.

—The new Backus safety check-hooks placed in the Grand Central hotel work perfectly and are attracting a great deal of attention of persons interested in the hotel business. Landlord McGuier always looks after the best interests of his guests and is the first man to adopt this checking system.

—An important meeting of the Smethport Athletic club will be held at the gymnasium this (Thursday) evening. It will be decided whether or not the club will manage a baseball club this year, and the question of having a Fourth of July celebration will probably be discussed. Let every member attend.

—There will be a meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at the Methodist Episcopal church parsonage Friday at 3 p. m. A full attendance is desired. A paper will be read written by the general secretary of the society, Mrs. J. T. Gracey, on the work of the society during its history of thirty years.

—The Kane Republican of Saturday says: Waldo Sasse has accepted a position with L. Bloomberg, at the Star Clothing House, and entered upon the discharge of his duties this morning. "Babe," as he is generally called, is a prime favorite with all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance and they will be pleased to learn that he is to remain in town.

—Ralph Hornlein had his right leg broken above the knee last Saturday morning while at work in McKean Bros.' mill. He was shoving out a cart of lumber when one wheel of the cart and one of his feet broke through the dock, the lumber striking his leg with force enough to break it. Drs. Clark and Brown reduced the fracture and he is getting along as well as possible.

—At St. Luke's church on next Sunday the services will be at 8 and 10:30 a. m., and at 7:30 p. m. The lessons of the day will be "The Significance of the Ascension;" and "On the Witness Stand." The anthems will be Stainer's "Leave Us Not;" and "Unfold Ye Portals Everlasting," from Gounod's oratorio of the "Redemption." Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Service at All Saints', East Smethport, at 2:30 p. m.

—F. H. and C. W. Goodyear lost about 5,000,000 feet of logs by the forest fires in Potter county last week. The Lackawanna Lumber company lost a large amount of timber and the loss by fire in Potter county woods within two weeks has amounted to several hundred thousand dollars. The Chemical company will rebuild its plant at Corbett. The loss on the plant and stock is $10,000.—Bolivar Breeze.

—It has been discovered that a double chin can be cured by correct breathing. The short-necked woman must hold her head high, even craning her neck till she is conscious of the tension of the cords. She should also practice relaxing the muscles of the neck and dropping the head, and then moving it around in a circle. This will give the head a graceful poise and will exercise the muscles and help to rid them of superfluous fat.—Exchange.

—The writer one day recently visited the large establishment of Holmes & Gilfillan and found vast changes had been made in their large lumber and hardware establishment in the past few months. In one of their recent annexes is a well selected line of hardware and in the lumber yard many improvements have been made. They carry a much larger stock than ever before and can now furnish material for a house complete, even to the kitchen utensils.

—Mrs. Schulz desires to inform the people of Smethport that the parties guessing correctly the number of blocks in her silk quilt met at the home of Mrs. C. Nixon on Main street and adjusted the matter Thursday evening very satisfactorily to all parties concerned. The winner was Josephine Wilhelm of New York city, a lady who has been in our midst but a short time and who soon will leave us, carrying with her a reminder of Smethport and its beautiful hills.

—This morning's Bradford Era says: At 11:15 last night Caller Blair of the B., R. & P. was passing T. M. Griffin & Son's hardware store on Main street, at the foot of High, when he discovered a blaze alongside the building. He lost no time in extinguishing it and thus prevented a bad fire. There are several wooden buildings at that point on which the flames would have fed most greedily. The flames sprang from a bunch of waste which had been saturated with petroleum. It was placed there by a firebug and was discovered in the nick of time.

—Three magazines belonging to the Rock, Clarendon and Thompson glycerine companies, situated about a mile and half from Kane, exploded from some unknown cause last Friday forenoon. Several tons of glycerine and about 1,000 pounds of dynamite were stored in the magazines. Considerable damage was done in Kane borough in the way of the breaking of windows and dishes and the demolishing of chimneys. Fortunately there were no casualties. The explosion was distinctly heard and felt in this borough, twenty-five miles away, at about 11:45 a. m.

—There is many a township today with an eye on Sweden township. It has recently purchased a stone crushing machine for use on the country roads. The results may at first seem expensive but it will prove a good investment in the long run. If properly utilized the machinery will make every road in the township a bicycle track in five years and the farmers will save a small fortune in wear and tear.—Port Allegany Reporter. Smethport borough has been the possessor of one of these machines for several years, but the "bicycle track" appearance of the roads is not as yet visible to the naked eye.

—The eleventh anniversary of the Epworth League was appropriately celebrated last Sunday in the Methodist Episcopal church. In the morning the pastor preached a sermon to the League. In it he gave some statistics of its numerical strength. There are 20,114 Leagues and 7,147 Junior Leagues. The combined memberbership of these organizations is 1,750,000, 400,000 being in the Junior League. It is a wonderful growth. In the evening Mrs. L. E. Larrabee, the district president, gave a fine address. She spoke of the possibilities of the League—a vast field for doing good. The Juniors under the direction of their superintendent, Mrs. M. L. Church, took part in the singing.

—Yesterday afternoon Michael Tobin of Prospect Hill was arraigned before 'Squire Knapp, charged with assault and battery on the person of Thomas McCabe of the same place. The evidence showed that Tobin came to McCabe's place of abode shortly after midnight and demanded that McCabe get up and drive his cattle off of Tobin's land. This McCabe refused to do when Tobin came in and struck his opponent on the head several times with a stone, inflicting severe wounds. Tobin was held for his appearance at the next regular term of court in the sum of $200.

—A dastardly attempt was made by unknown parties to wreck the B. R. & P. passenger train as it was passing Kissinger, a side track station between Mt. Jewett and Bradford Tuesday afternoon. A number of spikes had been placed on the rails which derailed the forward trucks of the locomotive. The engineer felt the engine rocking and turned on the air and brought the train to a sudden stand-still, when an investigation was made with the above result. The grade is heavy at this point and for that reason the engineer was enabled to bring his train to a sudden halt, which undoubtedly averted a serious wreck.—Kane Republican.

—Young girls who think it great sport to enter into correspondence with a stranger through correspondence bureaus, says an exchange, should take warning from the experience of a young Chambersburg girl, who recently had to invoke the aid of the police authorities to get rid of an unwelcome suitor, whom she had gained through correspondence. When the man appeared at Chambersburg he had the appearance of an ordinary tramp and he annoyed the girl so that she was thoroughly frightened and was forced to tell her story to the police. The man was arrested and given a hearing and was then ordered to leave the town under the threat of being jailed if he returned.

—A Stockholm, Sweden, dispatch dated May 17 says: The Swedish steamer Prince Charles, put in here to-day, bearing indications of an extraordinary tragedy. The decks and cabins were ashambles and blood was smeared and spattered everywhere. Early last evening an unknown man, armed with a revolver ran amuck and shot dead five passengers, almost before his intentions were realized. The captain sprang upon the man but the latter was too quick and killed him with a bullet. Reloading his weapon the maniac going on deck shot and wounded six of the crew. Others of the ship's company were completely cowed and made no attempt to capture him. The man lowered himself in a lifeboat and escaped. He has since been captured.

The Blue and the Gray.

By FRANCIS M. FINCH.

By the flow of the inland river,
Whence the fleet of iron has fled,
Where the blades of the grave-grass quiver,
Asleep are the ranks of the dead,
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day;
Under the one the Blue;
Under the other, the Gray.

These in the robings of glory,
Those in the gloom of defeat,
All with the battle-blood gory,
In the dusk of eternity meet;
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day;
Under the laurel, the Blue;
Under the willow, the Gray.

From the silence of mournful hours
The desolate mourners go,
Lovingly laden with flowers
Alike for the friend and the foe,
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day;
Under the roses, the Blue;
Under the lilies, the Gray.

So with an equal splendor
The morning sun-rays fall,
With a touch impartially tender,
On the blossoms blooming for all;
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day;
Broidered with gold, the Blue;
Mellowed with gold, the Gray.

So, when the summer calleth,
On forest and field of grain,
With an equal murmur falleth
The cooling drip of the rain;
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day;
Wet with the rain, the Blue;
Wet with the rain, the Gray.

Sadly, but not with upbraiding,
The generous deed was done;
In the storm of the years that are fading
No braver battle was won;
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day;
Under the blossoms, the Blue;
Under the garlands, the Gray.

No more shall the war-cry sever,
Or the winding rivers be red;
They banish our anger forever
When they laurel the graves of our dead.
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day;
Love and tears for the Blue;
Tears and love for the Gray.

*The incident referred to is the covering of Union and Confederate graves with flowers by the women of a Southern town shortly after the war.

A Great Entertainment.

Prof. S. T. Ford, for several years' professor of elocution in a prominent institute, and the greatest negro delineator in America will appear before the people of Smethport Tuesday evening, May 29. The entertainment will be held in the Methodist Episcopal church under the auspices of the Epworth League. The chief ministers and educators of our country say bright things of him. Dr. Reed, president of Dickinson College: "The readings gave universal satisfaction. Personally I was delighted. Three bishops of the M. E. church speak in highest terms."

The late Hon. Henry W. Grady: "Prof. Ford is a great elocutionist. He is a wonderful show all by himself. He entertained the audience for two hours and nobody got tired."

Dr. Doherty of New York: "I think I have found my ideal elocutionist in Prof. S. T. Ford. He has few rivals in pathetic expression."

Resolutions of Respect.

Death has again entered our circle and taken from our midst Sister Alice Tanner. In the short time she was associated with us she gained the esteem of the whole circle, therefore be it

Resolved, That we the officers and members of Smethport Circle No. 25 tender to the bereaved brother and husband our sincere sympathy, and may this be a lesson, although so dearly learned that in the midst of life we are in death; and also to Sister O'Brien and family we tender our sympathy and point you to our Heavenly Father for that comfort and consolation which he alone can give, and although bowed down with sorrows let us look up and try to say, "The Lord gave and he taketh away. Blessed be his holy name."

ADDIE E. STULL,
ALICE MCCLURE,
CLARA E. KING.

Decoration Day Excursions.

The W. N. Y. & P. Ry. will run a popular low rate excursion to Buffalo and Niagara Falls, Wednesday May 30th. Train will leave Smethport at 9:24 a. m. Tickets good for return passage on regular trains May 31st. Decoration Day at Buffalo will be observed by a military parade, followed by decoration of soldiers' graves. There will be two ball games between Buffalo and Cleveland, league games, and bicycle races at the athletic field. See Niagara in all its spring beauty. Special fast train going and returning.

Notice.

An ice cream social will be held on the parsonage lawn, Farmers Valley, for the benefit of Rev. Dunbar, Friday evening, June 1st. Come one. Come all.

MRS. D. W. DERBY,
Steward.

We carry a full line of samples of awnings. The material is the best and prices lowest. Before you buy call at Mason's hardware.

New white hats for Memorial Day at Doyle's in the Ford building.

Mason's is headquarters for awnings.

PERSONAL MENTION.

S. I. Bell had business in Kane on Monday.

J. C. Backus had business in Olean Tuesday.

C. J. Barg(?) Olson was in Bradford Saturday.

J. E. Rooney had business in Bradford Saturday.

Sheriff W. B. Clarke had business in Bradford Monday.

Miss Jennie Bieyer visited Hazelhurst friends last Thursday.

Attorney P. R. Cotter of Eldred had business in town Monday.

Mrs. Winters of New Castle is visiting the family of J. W. Cook.

John L. Bayer of Clermont was a visitor in town yesterday.

Attorney H. S. Rogers of Mt. Jewett was a visitor in town Monday.

Mrs. J. C. Tucker visited Eldred friends the forepart of the week.

Attorney G. W. Carlin of Port Allegany had business at the hub yesterday.

Miss Grace Cook of New Castle is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Edward Blaine.

Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Kepler of Aiken were pleasant callers at this office yesterday.

Hon. A. G. Olmsted of Coudersport was a business visitor in town on Wednesday.

J. F. Olmsted of Utica, Ohio arrived in town Tuesday and is the guest of friends.

Justice J. T. Burkholder of Mt. Jewett was a pleasant caller at this office on Monday.

Mrs. Nina Rumsey and Mrs. Luther W. Johnson were visitors in Bradford last Thursday.

Col. L. Rogers of Kane had business in town on Monday and made this office a pleasant call.

Miss Helen Smith and Miss Armstrong of Kane are visiting friends in Smethport and vicinity.

Dr. and Mrs. John Clark left Sunday evening for Washington where they attended a Masonic reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Mitchell attended the meeting of the Shriners at Washington, D. C., this week, returning this morning.

Misses Bertha Ellingsfeld and Bertha Allen of Port Allegany were visiting friends in Smethport the latter part of last week.

Mrs. D. C. Young returned last Friday from an extended visit to the island of Bermuda and other southern points of interest.

County Commissioner A. M. Boardman and wife of Smethport, stopped in town on Monday while enroute for the east.—Emporium Press.

Foster Studholme of Olean was in town yesterday, the guest of his wife and her parents. Mrs. Studholme will remain here another week.

Augustus D. Doyle has been taking a much needed rest in the rural districts this week. He returned from a visit with Sartwell friends Wednesday evening.

T. J. Gilbert of Machias, N. Y., was in town Monday in the interest of Hazelmere Inn. Joe says this is one of the best places in New York state to spend your vacation and Joe is top-notch authority on vacations and summer resorts.

Personals from Port Allegany Papers.

Mrs. Wilbur Lillibridge was in Smethport on a business mission Saturday.

Rudolph Sasse and wife of Smethport spent Sunday with Mrs. E. H. Coleman.

Rev. Father Cosgrove of Smethport was the guest of Father Becker Thursday.

Miss Mary McCormick of Smethport is the guest of her cousin, Sadie McCormick.

Miss Grace Leighton spent Thursday with her sister, Miss Hattie Leighton, at Smethport.

D. S. Helmer was at Smethport and Bradford on legal business the forepart of the week.

Miss Hattie Leighton of Smethport was the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. J. Connolly, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gallup drove over from Smethport Sunday and were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Moon.

Attention G. A. R.

HEADQUARTERS [illegible] POST NO. 347, DEPT. OF PENN'A, G. A. R., Smethport, Pa., May 16, 1900.

Order No. 1.

1st. In compliance with general order No. 13, Department of Penn'a, Grand Army of the Republic, the comrades of this Post will assemble at their post room on Sunday, May 27th, 1900, at 2:30 o'clock p. m. to attend Memorial Sunday services at the new Baptist church, at 3 o'clock p. m., the Rev. T. D. Ware, pastor. Let the comrades appear in full uniform.

2nd. For the regular Memorial Day services the comrades of this Post will assemble in their post room on Wednesday, May 30th, 1900, at the time designated by the committee of Memorial Day services and proceed to carry out the program as published by that committee.

All societies and organizations in Smethport and vicinity, as well as the public schools, are cordially invited to participate in the observance of the day.

E. R. MAYO, Commander.

J. [illegible], Adjutant.

Nickel Plate Road Excursions.

Milwaukee and return, $17.10 from Buffalo. Tickets good, going June 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, and good returning until June 30th.

Warsaw, Ind., and return, $12.15 from Buffalo, on sale daily, returning within 15 days.

Decoration Day, to points within 150 miles, one fare for round trip, going May 29th and 30th, and returning May 31st.

For any additional information, call on nearest ticket agent or address F. J. Moore, Gen'l. Agent, Nickel Plate Road, 291 Main St., Buffalo, or C. C. Lowry, T. P. A., Holland, N. Y.

The Shortest Route.

Between Buffalo and Chicago is the Nickel Plate Road. Excellence in service and elegance in equipment, together with a perfect roadbed combine to make this route the popular one for travel between eastern and western points. Solid vestibuled buffet sleeping cars between New York, Boston, Buffalo, Erie, Cleveland, Ft. Wayne and Chicago are attached to all express trains, on which uniformed colored porters attend the slightest wish of passengers.

Daly & Liegendahl have opened a carriage store on Mechanic street. If you contemplate purchasing a vehicle of any kind see their stock and get prices before purchasing elsewhere. 1tsf.

Those in need of a truck will do well to call on Chas. Lemmler before purchasing elsewhere. He has a new line and the prices are right. He always keeps the best.

Cold water paint for outside or inside use. Cheap and it lasts.

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A fresh invoice of flowers, chiffons, straws and hat frames at Doyle's.

Full line of Sherwin & Williams' mixed paints at Mason's.

Ice cream in bricks at Brasted's. Telephone orders promptly filled.

License Court Decisions.

The following licenses were granted by Judge Morrison on Monday:

HOTELS.

Bradford—[illegible] House, Thomas Cosgrove [illegible] Commercial Hotel [illegible] [illegible] House [illegible] New [illegible] Hotel [illegible] [illegible] Mary McBrien(?) [illegible] [illegible] George W. Moore [illegible] [illegible] Hotel [illegible] Hotel [illegible]

Eldred Borough—[illegible] Hotel.

Eldred Township—D. W. McDowell [illegible] House [illegible]

Foster Township—[illegible] House, Rew City.

Hamlin Township—[illegible] House [illegible]

Kane—[illegible] The New [illegible] Kane House [illegible]

Lafayette Township—[illegible] House, Marshburg [illegible] House, Mt. Alton [illegible] House, Lewis Run.

Mt. Jewett—[illegible] Hotel; E. C. Crawford, Bracken House [illegible] Hebern and George M. [illegible] House; E. W. Long, Commercial Hotel.

Otto Township—[illegible] Duke Centre House, Duke Centre.

Port Allegany—A. J. Connolly, Commercial House; Chester S. King, Sartwell House [illegible] Sartwell, The Hopkins House.

Sergeant Township—[illegible] John L. Smith, Bayer House, Clermont.

Smethport—Daniel [illegible] House; James McGuier, Grand Central Hotel; Willis V. Bryan, Commercial House; B. F. Wright, Wright House.

EATING HOUSES.

Bradford—[illegible] O'Donnell, City Restaurant.

Eldred—Harry [illegible] Restaurant.

Kane—Thomas P. Carlton, Lyceum Restaurant.

Port Allegany—P. H. Kelly [illegible] A. Young, Restaurant.

Sergeant Township—[illegible] House, Clermont.

WHOLESALE.

Bradford—Frank J. Cogins doing business as N. B. Cogins & Co. [illegible] A. M. Mayer and M. B. [illegible] doing business as A. M. Mayer & [illegible] H. M. Payne(?).

Kane—John G. Kane, Thomas Bradley, and John F. Healy.

Mt. Jewett—Charles Lundin.

BOTTLERS.

Bradford—William B. Urquhart [illegible] A. McPhee, Patrick H. Devitt [illegible] Woodbury.

Eldred—George McFarlin and F. J. McFarlin, Eldred Bottling Works.

Hamlin Township—Charles A. Drake and Charles H. Brown as Drake & Brown, Hazelhurst.

Smethport—Abe J. Warslofsky.

REFUSED.

Bradford Township—[illegible] House, [illegible]

Hamlin Township—[illegible] Hazelhurst, eating house.

Mt. Jewett—Sextus [illegible] eating house; Francis L. Dowler, wholesale.

Port Allegany—Keron Hanlan, wholesale.

Smethport—Byron D. Ives, Star Restaurant, eating house; Thomas J. Young, Novelty Restaurant, eating house.

HELD UNDER ADVISEMENT.

Bradford—F. P. Holly, Riddell House; The Bradford Brewing Company.

For Sale.

I offer for sale my store and stock of general merchandise, at Clermont, Pa., cheap for cash. This is an opportunity for the right person. Reason for sell is ill health.

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Correspondence.

FARMERS VALLEY.

[illegible]

[illegible] the guest of Miss [illegible] at Mosey Hollow.

[illegible] Duke Centre was in town Monday.

COLEVILLE.

[illegible] for Potter county last [illegible] waters of [illegible] creek [illegible]

[illegible] East Main street are in very bad condition and much in need of repair. [illegible]

Messrs. George Wright and George Greer of [illegible] were in town Friday evening.

Mrs. J. L. Yeaton and Mrs. D. A. [illegible] visited Mrs. Ell [illegible] one day during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] of Farmers Valley called on friends in town Friday evening.

[illegible] young people attended [illegible] Sunday evening.

[illegible]

L. B. Baxter, who has been on the sick list for some time, is no better.

[illegible] at the Foster [illegible]

Mrs. S. H. Elder and Mrs. Henry Sawyer drove to Bradford Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hoffman drove to Bradford Saturday evening.

Miss Elsie Moore was the guest of Miss Jessie Emmons Sunday.

W. L. [illegible] of Simpson spent Sunday at his home in town.

L. W. Ricker of Buffalo was in town Tuesday.

W. Moore drove to State Line Sunday.

[illegible] to give Chamberlain's Pain Balm a trial. It will not cost you a cent if it does no good. One application will relieve the pain. It also cures sprains and bruises in one third the time required by any other treatment. Cuts, burns, frostbites, quinsey, pains in the side and chest, glandular and other swellings are quickly cured by applying it. Every bottle warranted. Price 25 and 50 cts. L. K. Hogarth & Co., druggists.

L. K. Hogarth & Co., have started their fountain and opened their ice cream parlor, with side entrance. Ice cream by the dish or in quantity.

Lawn mowers, lawn rakes, haying tools, hoes, shovels—everything at

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Nearly everybody wants something new and pretty to wear at Spring time. We have just received a new stock of Beautiful Neckwear, Gloves, Shirts and Hats. We also call attention to our magnificent stock of

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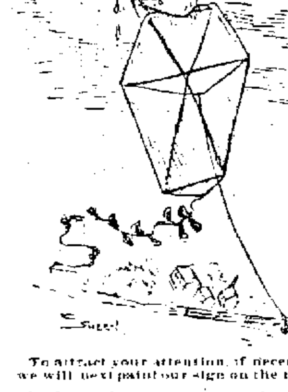
for Men, Boys and Children. We can safely say that there has never been, in this city, such a stock of Overcoats, Suits and Pantaloons as we show this season, and at such very low prices. No matter what your shape is we can fit you.

IKE SIMONS,

46 Main St. Bradford, Pa.

Well! Well! Well!



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Thursday, May 31.

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Jennie Baxter, Journalist.

(Continued.)

his expression on his face.

"I must have a word with you alone," he whispered. "Let me conduct you to this alcove under the gallery."

"No; I am tired. I am going home."

"I quite understand that, but you must come with me for a moment."

"Must!" she said, with a suggestion of defiance in her tone.

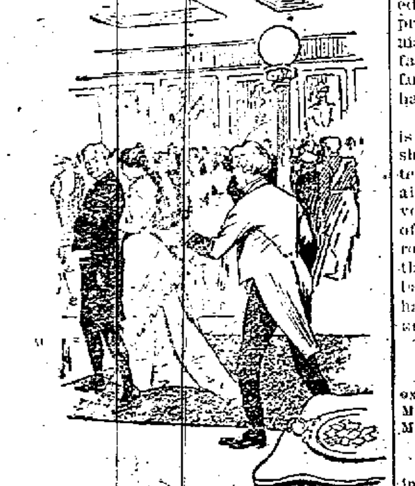
"Yes," he answered gravely. "I wish to be of assistance to you. I think you will need it."

For a moment she met his unflinching gaze steadily; then her glance fell, and she said, in a low voice, "Very well."

When they reached the alcove, she inquired rather quaveringly—for she saw something had happened which had finally settled all the young man's doubts—"Is it the American embassador?"

"No; there was little trouble there. He expects to meet you later in the evening. But a telegraphic message has come from Meran, signed by the Princess von Steinheimer, which expresses a hope that the ball will be a success and reiterates the regret of her highness that she could not be present. Luckily, this communication has not been shown to the duchess. I told the duke, who read it to me, knowing I had been with you all the evening, that it was likely a practical joke on the part of the prince, but the duke, who is rather a serious person, does not take kindly to that theory, and if he knew the prince he would dismiss it as absurd, which it is. I have asked him not to show the telegram to any one; so there is a little time for considering what had best be done."

"There is nothing for me to do but to take my leave as quickly and as quietly as possible," said the girl, with



"My lord, excuse me."

a nervous little laugh bordering closely on the hysterical. "I was about to make my way out by some private exit if I could find one."

"That would be impossible, and the attempt might lead to unexpected complications. I suggest that you take my arm and that you bid farewell to her grace, pleading fatigue as the reason for your early departure. Then I will see you to your carriage, and when I return I shall endeavor to get that unlucky telegram from the duke by telling him I should like to find out whether it is a hoax or not. He will have forgotten about it most likely in the morning. Therefore all you have to do is to keep up your courage for a few moments longer until you are safe in your carriage."

"You are very kind," she murmured, with downcast eyes.

"You are very clever, my princess, but the odds against you were tremendous. Some time you must tell me why you risked it."

She made no reply, but took his arm, and together they sauntered through the rooms until they found the duchess, when Jennie took her leave of the hostess with a demure dignity that left nothing to be desired. All went well until they reached the head of the stair, when the duke, an ominous frown on his brow, hurried after them and said:

"My lord, excuse me."

Lord Donal turned with an ill concealed expression of impatience, but he was helpless, for he feared his host might not have the good sense to avoid a scene even in his own hall. Had it been the duchess all would have been well, for she was a lady of infinite tact, but the duke, as he had said, was a stupid man, who needed the constant eye of his wife upon him to keep him from blundering. The young man whispered: "Keep right on until you are in your carriage. I shall ask my man here to call it for you; but please don't drive away until I come."

A sign brought a serving man up the stair.

"Call the carriage of the Princess von Steinheimer," said his master. Then, as the lady descended the stair, Lord Donal turned, with no very thankful feeling in his heart, to hear what his host had to say.

"Lord Donal, the American embassador says that woman is not the Princess von Steinheimer, whom he has met several times in London. He cannot remember her name. Now, who is she, and how did you come to meet her?"

"My lord duke, it never occurred to me to question the identity of guests I met under your hospitable roof. I knew the princess five years ago in Washington, before she was married. I have not seen her in the interval, but until you showed me the telegraphic message there was no question in my mind regarding her."

"But the American embassador is positive."

"Then he has more confidence in his eyesight than I have. If such a question, like international difficulties, is to be settled by the embassies, let us refer it to Austria, who held a long conversation with the lady in my presence. Your excellency," he continued to the Austrian embassador, who was hovering near, waiting to speak to his host, "my lord duke has some doubt that the lady who has just departed is the Princess von Steinheimer. You spoke with her and can therefore decide with authority, for his lordship seems disinclined to accept my testimony."

"Not the princess? Nonsense! I know her very well indeed, and a most charming lady she is. I hope to be her guest again before many months are past."

"There, my lord duke, you see everything is as it should be. If you will give me that stupid telegram, I will make some quiet inquiries about it. Meanwhile the less said the better. I will see the American embassador and convince him of his error. And now I must make what excuses I can to the lady for my desertion of her."

Placing the paper in his pocket, he hurried down the stair and out to the street. There had been some delay about the coming of the carriage, and he saw the lady he sought at that moment entering it.

"Home at once as fast as you can!" he heard her say to the coachman. She had evidently no intention of waiting for him. He sprang forward, thrust his arm through the carriage window and grasped her hand.

"Princess," he cried, "you will not leave me like this! I must see you tomorrow!"

"No, no!" she gasped, shrinking into the corner of the carriage.

"You cannot be so cruel. Tell me at least where a letter will reach you. I shall not release your hand until you promise."

With a quick movement the girl turned back the gauntlet of her long glove. The next instant the carriage was rattling down the street, while a chagrined young man stood alone on the curb with a long, slender white glove in his hand.

"By Jove!" he said at last as he folded it carefully and placed it in the pocket of his coat. "It is the glove, this time, instead of the mitten!"

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

GREEDY MACKEREL.

A Gorging Feast and the Way It Was Managed.

"I once enjoyed the privilege of seeing an army of mackerel successfully corner a shoal of small fry in a rocky shallow pool which was a cul de sac. The mackerel swam behind their victims in serried ranks, a company of hungry, determined creatures, intent upon a gorging feast to which there need be no limit. They had followed the fry for miles maybe, merely swallowing one here and one there to keep their appetites whetted. Now they had cornered them where there was no escape for their victims. No alert fisherman on the lookout for just such an opportunity was at hand to convert their triumph and feasting into captivity and lamentation. They might feast at will.

And, ye gods, feast they did! No one who has not seen it would believe that the cubic capacity of a mackerel could possibly deal successfully with the number of small fish he actually swallows. The way he conducts the operation of feasting is unique. Opening his mouth wide, the mackerel darts in among the small fry, some of which are perhaps one-third of his own length. In an instant one of these is to be seen sticking half in and half out of his mouth. Then the mackerel gives one gulp, and the victim has disappeared. Without a moment's delay the process is repeated and repeated so many times that the spectator cannot fail to be concerned for the immediate future of the particular mackerel he has watched. Yet nothing happens.

As for the fry, their helpless anguish is somewhat heartrending. The whole shoal of them boils and churns the water in an agony of fear. High into the air they leap in order to avoid their voracious enemies, landing themselves often enough upon the weed covered rocks which skirt the pool and panting their lives out there rather than leap back into the seething mass of their harassed companions beneath.—Longman's Magazine.

Memorial Day.

Following is the program of Memorial Day exercises to be given under the auspices of McKean Post, No. 347, G A R, on Wednesday, May 30:

PARADE.

The parade will form on Main, right resting on Church street at 1:30 p. m., and move in the following order:

Marshal and Aides
Band
McKean Post, No. 347, G A R
Civic Societies
Smethport Hose Company

Route—Main to Mechanic to Cemetery; return, Cemetery to Bank to Mechanic to Main to Court House.

EXERCISES.

Cemetery—Post Ritual. Strewing of flowers.

Court House—Music, Glee Club. Prayer, Rev. T. D. Ware. Public exercises by the Post. Music, Glee Club. Oration, Commander E. R. Mayo, Orator of the Day. Music, Glee Club. America, by the Audience. Benediction.

OFFICERS.

President of the Day, J W Bouton; Orator, E R Mayo; Marshal, S G Bush; Chief of Staff, Sheridan Gorton, Jr.

Aides—Dr Burg Chadwick, Dr J C Brown, Dr H L McCoy, Dr John Clark, Dr W A Ostrander, Dr F R Young, James A McKean, Charles McKean, James McGuier, Dan Bacon, Ralph Burdick, A W Mitchell, T H Morrison, Guy B Mayo, S R Lindsley, Horace Redfield, Orlo Hamlin, Leon Hogarth, A L Colegrove, J C Backus, E T Daly, H C Wells, T H Purtle, Al Pierce, Jr, J B Eastman, F D Gallup, Frank Sartwell, Sheridan Gorton, S D Weaver, J F Davis, W B Clarke, R C Sasse, R C Gleason, Garth Rumsey, H L Backus, W O Hamlin, Scott Redfield, C. A. Burdick.

COMMITTEES.

Executive—T A Morrison, B F Wright, J C Cunningham.

Reception—F W Brownell, G W Mitchell, D C Young, W F Specht.

Music—Band, N H Knapp, Chairman; Vocal, Dr H L McCoy, Chairman.

Flowers—Woman's Relief Corps, No. 23.

Decorations—A M Boardman, W H Morrison, W B Clarke.

Cemeteries—Rose Hill, S G Bush, Wm Grigsby, W H Grumbine, Emil Thamm. Bush Hill, M O'Reilly, Geo W King. Colegrove, W H Rifle, Jonathan Colegrove.

Farmers Valley, J V Howard, N F Ferris, Frisbee, Asa Champlin, J Henderson; Sultus, W H Curtis, Simon Martin.

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[illegible]
Are woes the prince good spellers miss
In dieting, [illegible]
Nor [illegible] a single
If some of these his efforts foil
Nor [illegible] forever
To miss the name of either river,
The Dnieper, Saône or Guadalquivir.

—Lewiston (Me.) Journal.

The Stomach.

Large portions of the stomach may be excised, or even the whole may be removed, with no very great mortality, and in successful cases with wonderfully little effect on the patient's digestion. The stomach hardly occupies in our present opinion so important a place in digestion as it formerly held. We know that it is rather a preparer for the exercise of the digestive powers of the pancreas than an active digestive agent itself and that one of its functions is to render innocuous many of the micro-organisms which enter with the food. So we can understand to some extent the small amount of interference with digestion produced by even considerable resections of the stomach.—Lancet.

A Loud Voiced Bird.

A story runs that on a certain day two men, one of them very deaf, were walking by the railway. Suddenly an express train rushed by, and as it passed the engine emitted a shriek that seemed to rend the very sky.

The hearing man's ears were well nigh split, but the deaf man struck an ecstatic attitude. Then, turning to his suffering friend, he said, with a pleased smile:

"That's the first robin I've heard this spring!"—Kansas City Independent.

Hardened.

"How came a man of your ability and position in society ever to engage in counterfeiting?" the judge asked him.

"I wanted a light, easy way to make money at my own home, your honor," answered the prisoner.

The judge looked at him sharply and gave him the full limit of the law.—Chicago Tribune.

It always makes a man mad to have his name misspelled in a newspaper, because he believes everybody ought to know his name.—Atchison Globe.

No man is absolutely perfect, but one who acknowledges his faults is more than half way up the ladder.—Chicago News.

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NOTICE.

THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS OF ADMINISTRATORS, Executors and Guardians, having been settled in the office of the Register of Wills, the same will be presented for confirmation at the Orphans' Court, to be held at Smethport, in and for the County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, on the first Monday of June, A. D. 1900.

First and partial account of J. B. Steele and D. H. Jack, executors of the last will and testament of C. B. Whitehead, late of Bradford, Pa., deceased.

Second final account of M. Jewett, administrator of the estate of Addison Elliott, late of the borough of Mt. Jewett, Pa., deceased.

Second and final account of D. H. Rook, administrator of the estate of Eliza Wagner, late of Bradford township, McKean county, Pa., deceased.

Final account of Malcolm J. Wilson, administrator of the estate of Merritt Wilson, late of the borough of Mt. Jewett, Pa., deceased.

First and final account of Thomas L. Kane, administrator of the estate of George Hogan, late of the borough of Kane, McKean county, Pa., deceased.

First and final account of Guerne Cable, administrator of the estate of Jennie Wilkams, late of Bradford, Pa., deceased.

First and final account of B. H. Camp, administrator of the estate of Lydia Corsaus, late of the borough of Port Allegany, McKean county, Pa., deceased.

First and final account of R. C. Gleason, administrator of the estate of Ira S. Gleason, late of the borough of Smethport, McKean county, Pa., deceased.

First and final account of James G. Paul, administrator of the estate of P. H. Gallagher, late of Bradford, Pa., deceased.

First and final account of Henry Beren, guardian of [illegible] M. Cramer, minor child of L. E. Cramer, deceased.

First and final account of John Rey, guardian of Solomon R. [illegible], minor child of [illegible] R. Sae, deceased.

First and final account of Harry J. Delton, guardian of [illegible] Delton, minor child of Mary Delton, deceased.

GEO. W. MITCHELL, Register.
H. M. CHOATE, Deputy.

Smethport, Pa., May 7th, 1900.

Notice in Divorce.

In the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County.

A. D. No. 19, December Term, 1899.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss. THE COMMONWEALTH of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Anna Swanson did on the 2nd day of October, 1899, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Gust Swanson.

We therefore command you, the said Gust Swanson, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the county of McKean on the last Monday of June next, to answer the petition or libel of Anna Swanson, and show cause, if any you have, why the said Anna Swanson, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Hereof fail not.

A true copy.

WILLIAM B. CLARKE, Sheriff.

C. W. Lafferty, Libellant's Attorney.
Smethport, Pa., May 8, 1900.

He Had Too Many Names.

About two years before Mr. Sawyer retired from the senate he had a letter from a man in Maryland, who said he had just been congratulated by the arrival of a boy baby, and that the parent would [illegible] Philetus Sawyer Jones and expressed the hope that the child would grow up and honor the name and [illegible] traits of character that the senator [illegible]. Senator Sawyer went to the [illegible] with a [illegible] heart and the determination [illegible] [illegible] Marylander had been taken with [illegible] names from Philetus Sawyer Jones to Hon. Cameron Jones. [illegible] Maryland [illegible] birthday present.—Milwaukee Wisconsin.

Confusing.

When the matron called at [illegible] bride of three months, she discovered her in tears.

"Why, my, Nell, what is the matter?" she cried.

"I want to die! I want to die!" sobbed the bride.

"There, dear, there! What is the matter?"

"It's—it's Harry!" sobbed the girl wildly.

"Has he been abusing you?"

"No-o-o, but—oh, dear, what shall I do?"

"What on earth is the matter, dear?"

"He—he—oh, I can't tell you!"

"You must. Has he been staying out late nights?"

"No-o-o!"

"Has he been drinking?"

"No-o-o!"

"Then what is the matter?"

"He—he doesn't love me any more!"

The matron drew the sobbing girl to her side.

"Now tell me all, dear," she whispered.

"When—when he came home last night, he didn't k-k-kiss me!" she sobbed.

"My dear," said the matron, "you'll get over that. When my husband came home last night, he did kiss me, and I have been wondering ever since what he has been up to."—Detroit Free Press.

A Father to Be Appreciated.

Teacher—I called to see you, sir, about your son's schooling and I am sorry to say that he is behind in his studies.

Parent—That's all right. If he wasn't behind, how could he pursue them?—Boston Courier.

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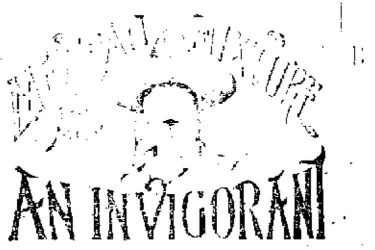

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Time Table taking effect Oct. 12th, 1899.

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10:15 A. M.—Daily except Sunday for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane.

1:30 P. M.—Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Davis, Aiken, Kinzua Junction and Bradford; connecting with B., R. & P. for Buffalo and Rochester, arriving at Buffalo at 6:35 p. m. and Rochester at 6:30 p. m.; and Mt. Jewett and Kane; connecting at Kane with P. & E. R. R. for Sheffield, Tiona, Warren, Corry, Union City and Erie.

5:15 P. M.—Mail and Express daily for Ormsby Junction, Mount Jewett and Kane, connecting at Kane with P. & E. train 4 for Wilcox, Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Emporium, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia—and daily except Sunday for Simpson, Davis, Aiken, Kinzua Junction and Bradford; connecting at Bradford with train on Erie R. R. for Salamanca, Olean, Hornellsville, Elmira and New York.

Trains arrive at Smethport at 12 m. and 2:35 p. m. daily except Sunday; and at 9:55 a.m. and 6:25 p.m. daily.

JNO. C. McKENNA,
Gen. Pas. Agent,
Bradford, Pa.

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad Time Table, takes effect Monday, Oct. 23, 1899.

A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	Ar.	Dp.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.
8.20	7.48	2.10	Ulysses		7.32	2.30	9.25
8.02	7.30	1.56	Crowell		7.41	2.40	9.34
7.57	o	1.56	Carpenter		o	2.41	5.38
7.52	7.05	1.53	Perkins		7.45	2.44	9.41
7.47	7.02	1.50	N'wf'd Junc'n		7.47	2.46	9.45
o	o	1.45	Newfield		7.51	2.50	9.50
7.40	6.54	1.42	Gold		7.55	2.54	9.55
7.20	6.54	1.38	Raymond		7.59	2.59	10.00
7.15	6.49	1.25	Seven Bridges		8.13	3.04	10.10
7.00	6.37	1.20	Colesburg		8.11	3.14	10.25
6.42	6.20	1.14	Frink's		8.22	3.22	10.36
6.35	o	1.05	Nor. C'port		8.31	3.31	10.50
6.30	6.15	1.00	Dp.	Ar.	8.35	3.36	11.00
P.M.	P.M.		Coudersport				P.M.
4.20	7.40	12.53	Ar.	Dp.	8.41	6.00	1.10
o	o	12.49	Hammond		o	o	o
4.05	7.24	12.44	Olmsted		8.46	6.06	1.27
3.58	7.30	12.40	Mina		8.50	6.10	1.35
3.45	o	12.33	Knowlton		o	6.18	o
3.40	7.22	12.30	Roulette		9.00	6.21	1.45
3.35	7.11	12.22	Burtville		9.08	6.26	2.05
3.25	o	12.15	Coleman		o	6.35	o
3.20	o	o	Chemical Works		o	o	o
3.15	7.02	12.10	Port Allegany		9.15	6.40	2.25
P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	Depart	Arrive	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.

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[illegible]

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3.35 p. m.—Pittsburg Flyer—Daily—For [illegible], Springville, Buffalo, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy, and Rochester.

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At Newfield Junction with C. & P. A. [illegible]
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At Addison with Erie R. R. [illegible]
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